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## Dolphin pub site housing proposed

THE former site of an arson-hit pub is set to finally be transformed into homes as plans go before council chiefs after years in the pipeline.

The Dolphin Inn in Goscoe Lane went up in flames in 2006 – and since then plans have repeatedly stalled to develop the land however nothing has got off the ground. The pub was demolished soon after the fire and proposals were originally drawn up for an apartment block to be built there.

But 18 houses are now earmarked for there instead under the fresh plans which go before the council today. Members of the Walsall Council planning committee have been recommended to approve the plans.

The site of the old pub which is at the junction of Goscoe Lane and Slack Lane had become a target for vandals and fly-tippers. The land has attracted yobs who used bricks from the former pub as missiles to hit drivers.

The fire in December 2006 destroyed 90 per cent of the roof and left the building unsafe. The pub was closed at the time. Council officers have backed the plans, but have raised concerns about the amount of noise residents of the new properties would be exposed to.

## Crowds pay war tribute

THE milestone anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War was commemorated by thousands of people across Walsall in the largest Remembrance Sunday crowds for many years.

More than 2,000 men, women and children attended a service and wreath-laying ceremony at the cenotaph in Walsall town centre, marking 100 years since hostilities broke out. The borough mayor Councillor Pete Smith led the annual civic procession.

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# GROWING COSTS OF ALLOTMENTS

THE costs of growing your own produce is likely to go up for Walsall residents as council cash to help run allotments is facing cutbacks.

There are more than 1,000 allotment plots dotted across the borough, which are in high demand from residents wanting to use them, but there are now fears of rent increases

By Craig Hughes

The level of grants allotment associations receive from Walsall Council is to be reduced by £10,360 from its current £27,580 allocation in a bid to save the authority cash.

Cash-strapped council chiefs have admitted the move could lead to a deterioration of sites, but say the move is being looked at as part of plans to make £86 million savings over the next four years – forcing it to claw back money.

The reduction in grants means associations could be forced to increase rents, use reserves or reduce investment unless other external cash is sought.

### Worried

Walsall Council works in partnership with six allotment associations across 24 sites. The grant is distributed across the associations depending on plots. David Coxson, secretary of the Beechtree, Greenfields, Pheasey and Wimperis Association, said they had already been hit by grant cuts.

"We pre-empted this would happen last year when the council started talking about cuts. We have had a £3,757.50 grant this September, but last year we got that much in April and October, so they have already cut our grant by 50 per cent." Mr Coxson, aged 74, added: "We are really

worried about any more cuts. It will force us to put our rents up.

"We already need to spend more than £15,000 on fencing to secure the Greenfields allotments. It is not looking good for the future. Is this what the council wants? To force allotments to close because people won't be able to afford the rent."

Walsall Council currently provides 1,373 allotment plots on 34 sites in the borough. Most allotments are run by associations.

There is high demand for spaces and two years ago figures showed there were 152 people queuing for a plot on one of 10 council-managed sites.

A budget proposal report to the council states: "Long-term reduction of grants could lead to an increase in rents, the need for more vigilance in site monitoring and support being sought from the council to access outside funding."

"It is important Walsall Council continues to support and invest in allotment provision, as allotments provide space for improving health and wellbeing in terms of improved diet, exercise and nutrition, and as a social space, enabling them to share skills and reduce isolation."

## Town's fantastic flag is finally flying



The flag is raised at the library by Mayoress Laura Barnes, Mayor Pete Smith, David Winnick MP and Arthur Utley

A NEW flag representing Willenhall has been officially raised in a special ceremony. Ex-serviceman Arthur Utley, aged 91, from Short Heath, who took part in the Normandy landings, was given the honour of running the standard up the flagpole above Willenhall library, which will be its permanent base now.

Visitors from Willenhall's twin town of Drancy in France were among special guests at the launch.

The red and blue flag, featuring padlocks and keys – reflecting the town's leading part in the lock manufacturing industry, was chosen from 68 entries

in a competition organised by community website willenhallaywe.co.uk.

A panel of judges picked the best six and left it to the public to choose their favourite. The flag, designed by Adam Leonard, has since been officially registered with the Flag Institute.

A plaque on the front of the building recording the achievement and commemoration ceremony was unveiled by Councillor Peter Smith, Mayor of Walsall. A flag was also presented to the French visitors.

Afterwards, the party enjoyed a buffet in the upstairs section of the library, where the Willenhall Council

used to meet when it was an urban authority. The French guests included Michel Lastapis, Dancy's deputy mayor, Luisa Pilmann, a councillor for women's rights, Stéphane Bouthors, chairman of the Drancy Twinning Committee, and Michele Sersvais, committee treasurer.

Competition organiser Kalie Plant said: "This was the final piece in the jigsaw. A flag has got to be flown and it needs an official home, now it has got one," she added. "It's taken a year from start to finish, and a lot of hard work along the way, so it was great to see the flag finally flying."

## Jemma in business hopes for the future

SHE may have missed out on being Lord Sugar's investment partner, but Jemma Bird from Aldridge is pushing ahead with her own business plans.

The 27-year-old was booted off The Apprentice last Thursday, but it has failed to dampen her enthusiasm. She has created performing arts coaching company Amplify and is opening a studio in Aldridge. She had been hoping to get Lord Sugar as a business partner for the venture but was given the axe in the coach tours task.

Jemma admitted she was surprised just to make it through to the final 20 candidates, let alone make it almost halfway through the show.

She said: "Lord Sugar would need someone who was a lot more fiery for a business partner. I couldn't be that obnoxious, overly confident person, it's just not me. I hope it is someone a bit quieter who goes forward and wins this series. There are people in there who don't shout over the top of others and I'd like to think that they are the people who will go all the way."

"I did realise that I wasn't a stereotypical candidate. I wasn't doing and saying the same things as everyone else."

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## £850k boost for schools

SCHOOLS in Walsall have scooped more than £850,000 of Government funding to transform PE lessons. Seventy-seven maintained schools along with 14 academies in the borough have got a slice of £17 million.

A total of £850,070 has gone to schools including Hillary Primary School, in Pleck. Others to benefit include Leighwood School, in Aldridge, Park Hall Junior Academy and Ryders Hayes Community School, in Pelsall.

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# Property-buying help boost for town

THE number of people in Walsall who could benefit from the help to buy scheme when purchasing a home could double in the next 12 months, according to a councillor.

So far almost 250 people in the area have been given help through the scheme. The latest statistics published by England Housing Minister Brandon Lewis has revealed that across the UK, 54,000 home

owners have received assistance through the project that helps people to get on the property ladder with a smaller deposit than usual.

In Walsall, a total of 248 people have so far become home owners through the scheme and Councillor Mike Bird called it a 'fantastic success.' He said: "It is great news that this scheme has helped so many people in the borough, especially

in places like Leamore where it has been a fantastic success."

He added: "We are looking at other areas where we will be able to help people to become home owners rather than renters. When you look at the cost of a mortgage through this scheme it is less than rent."

Housing Minister Brandon Lewis said: "The figures clearly demonstrate the continuing success of the

help to buy in supporting creditworthy, hardworking people who want to buy a home of their own." More than 39,000 households bought new-built properties through the Equity Loan and NewBuy options and 15,000 households buying through the Mortgage Guarantee.

Around eight out of 10 sales went to first time buyers creating thousands of new home owners.

# Winnick in call on doubters to shut up

VETERAN politician David Winnick has challenged Labour rebels to 'shut up or get out' amid claims 20 shadow ministers are poised to call on Ed Miliband to quit.

Senior figures are ready to strike if former home secretary Alan Johnson signals he is prepared to step into the breach, according to reports. Dudley North MP Ian Austin has been named in reports as being among those who have called for Mr Miliband to go but he has not confirmed whether this is the case.

But Walsall North MP Mr Winnick said: "I don't know if anyone in the Parliamentary Labour Party is responsible for this nonsense."

"If there are one or two Labour MPs who are spreading mischief, the message is clear: shut your nonsense or get out."

However, Mr Winnick did feel the revolt against Ed Miliband was not without its benefits. Mr Winnick said: "One good thing has emerged from all of this, and it is that it will unite the party who will rally round him, and across the country Labour activists, councillors and other party members will be working hard to get him elected next May."

# Work to start on cinema

WORK is expected to start on a new cinema complex in Walsall in the coming weeks, it has been revealed.

The Vue cinema in Littleton Street, next to Tesco, will create more than 200 jobs. Developers said a deal was expected to be completed with contractors in the next three weeks, to open the way for work.

The cinema will fit in with the long-term £400m Giga-port scheme which aims to create a business and office corridor through the heart of the borough. There are also plans for a cinema at Walsall Waterfront.

# Drains concern

CONCERNS have been raised about drains and footpaths in part of the Black Country.

The New Invention and Short Heath Liberal Democrat focus team has highlighted the need to replace a cover on the footpath near Texaco in Lichfield Road.

# Hundreds remember fallen at cenotaph

THEY came in their hundreds, from the veterans who had seen war with their own eyes, to school-children learning about conflict for the first time.

Young and old stood shoulder to shoulder in poignant ceremonies to mark 100 years since the start of the First World War.

Walsall's mayor paid tribute to the large numbers of people who attended the town's Remembrance Day ceremony and lined the parade route. Crowds broke out into spontaneous applause as the civic procession made its way back to the council house to take the salute.

Councillor Pete Smith said: "It was a tremendous turnout, the best for many years. At the cenotaph there was a sea of people as far as you could see. We expected bigger numbers given the 100th anniversary but this was special, particularly as there were many other services going on at the same time."

The open air service was amplified so that the larger-than-usual crowds could all hear. A sign language interpreter also relayed the service to those hard of hearing.

The Bishop of Wolverhampton, the Right Reverend Clive Gregory, addressed the congregation at this year's important service, while the hymn-singing was led by members of St. Paul's Church. A bugler from The Staffordshire Band sounded The Last Post before a rifle salute by members of the Mercian Regiment marked the beginning and the end of the two minutes' silence.

Following the Reveille, Councillor Smith led the laying of wreaths. He later took the salute outside the Council House accompanied by a mace bearer and standard bearers from the Royal British Legion.

The Walsall Sea Cadets provided a guard of honour for dignitaries from the council, local police, fire and ambulance services, veterans' groups, clubs and societies. Similar services were held at Bloxwich, Pelsall, Willenhall, Aldridge, Walsall Wood, Darlaston, Moxley, Brownhills, Short Heath, Clayhanger, Portobello and Streetly.



The crowds seen around the cenotaph in Walsall town centre at Sunday's Remembrance Day ceremony

# Death of diabetic followed treatment error

A PATIENT with type 2 diabetes whose blood sugar level dropped low died at Walsall Manor Hospital after being wrongly treated, an inquest heard.

Retired carpenter Dennis Heath, aged 87, had health complications and died on June 14 after falling into a coma from which he did not recover. Staff had given him treatment that was more suited for type 1 diabetes, a different form of the condition. He had been taken to the hospital twice in May in a confused state from his home, in Old Vicarage Close, Pelsall, after concerns that he may have suffered a stroke.

The hearing was told while he was in the hospital his blood sugar fell to a score of four and he was given an insulin drip overnight on June 13.

But Mr Heath developed low blood sugar complications as a result and died the next day.

At the hearing held at Smethwick Council House last Friday, pathologist Dr Iqbal Desai gave the cause of death as pneumonia; low blood sugar complications and a stroke resulting from a blockage in the vessels supplying blood to the brain.

Mr Heath's daughter Glenys Povey, a greengrocer, told the inquest the family had concerns

over her treatment. In a narrative conclusion Black Country coroner Zafar Siddique said: "He had high levels of protein in his cerebral fluid and later an insulin drip was commenced on a sliding scale. His blood sugar was four. With regards to this there was a failure to escalate this to a doctor earlier - the insulin would have been addressed sooner."

Mr Siddique said he was satisfied on balance of probabilities with the cause of death given by Dr Desai.

After the hearing Mrs Povey said she will be writing to trust bosses with her concerns about her father's care.

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## Charity's Christmas cards are launched

A HOSPICE has unveiled a new range of Christmas cards featuring designs by children who have been supported by the charity.

Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall has launched the cards, which are available at charity shops across the Black Country. They include a reindeer with handprints for antlers, a snowman whose body is made from a child's footprint and silver, glittery stars.

They were produced during art and craft workshops at the charity's three hospices in Walsall, Birmingham and Worcester.

Kevin Ives, head of retail, said: "Why not send some cards to your loved ones and spread the festive joy with the knowledge that your money is going towards providing care for life-limited and life-threatened children this Christmas. We rely on the generosity of the local community to help fund the care services at Acorns which cost £750 every day for each child's care."

In total, there are 24 designs for 2014 including a wide variety of iconic Christmas scenes. As well as being on sale in the shops, they can also be bought online at [www.acorns.org.uk/shop](http://www.acorns.org.uk/shop) or call 01564 825027.

## Winnick backs call over pubs

WALSALL MP David Winnick has backed calls to stop pubs being demolished or converted to shops without planning permission.

The Walsall North MP added his name to an early day motion on the subject in the House of Commons.

He said: "A good number have closed in my constituency over recent years, as well as in the borough. The motion states that permitted development rights are leaving even more pubs in England vulnerable to demolition or conversion to a range of retail uses without planning permission."

## Ramblers' date

A WALKING group will take part in a seven mile stroll this weekend. The Walsall group of Ramblers will take part in the walk in Claverley near Wolverhampton, on Sunday. For more details call 01922 621148 or visit the [www.walsallramblers.co.uk](http://www.walsallramblers.co.uk) website.

# Royal baby fever as lookalikes open JTF store



Lookalikes Jodie Bredo and Andy Walker with JTF store manager Pete Hatton

IT has created dozens of new jobs in a £1.5 million investment in the Black Country.

So when a new 44,000 square foot discount warehouse opened its doors for the first time in Walsall, it attracted two apparently prestigious visitors.

But while the Kate and William who turned up at the JTF outlet may not have been quite what they seemed, the new site brought in hundreds of new shoppers who were eager to take a look around.

The outlet has taken over empty units on the Bescot retail park, Walsall, and is the first to open in the Black Country.

The company has 12 other branches in the UK and sells a variety of goods including clothing, furniture and DIY items.

The firm primarily sells larger items in multi-packs at discounted rates.

Two other JTF stores are located in the Midlands in Kidderminster and Tamworth.

As well as Kate and William royal lookalikes Jodie Bredo and Andy Walker, representatives from the Midlands Air Ambulance were also on hand to get customers to sign up to help the charity.

Fundraising manager Sofia Voutianitis said: "Midlands Air Ambulance receives

tremendous support from local businesses. Those relationships are absolutely crucial to us and they play a big part in enabling us to continue operating our life-saving service across the region. We're proud to be continually building new relationships with our corporate partners."

The retail park has more than 680 parking spaces and other businesses which operate there include Matalan, McDonalds and Farmfoods.

Walsall branch assistant general manager Richard Booton said: "We have had a really successful opening here."

# Casualties on borough roads increase by 25pc

THE number of people killed or seriously injured on Walsall's roads increased by more than a quarter last year, new figures show.

Figures released by the Department for Transport for 2013 revealed there were 81 people who were killed or seriously injured on the borough's roads last year, compared to 63 the year before.

## Man hurt at bonfire

A MAN suffered a serious eye injury when a firework exploded at a rugby club bonfire event.

West Midlands Ambulance service was called to Willenhall Rugby Football Club, Bognop Road, just before 8pm on Friday.

Paramedics were sent to the Essington club, and a spokesman for the service said: "On arrival, crews discovered one patient, a man in his 50s, who had suffered a significant eye injury after a firework exploded in his face. He was then taken to New Cross Hospital."

Club chairman Martyn Loach did not wish to comment on the incident.

## Flower group talk is on way

A FLOWER group will be holding its monthly meeting next week. Walsall Fuchsia and Flower Society will gather at Pelsall Social Club, Norton Road, on Monday from 7.30pm.

Guest speaker will be Kevin Goodman talking on Medieval Health Medicine. For details call 01922 633696 or 01922 475404.

Walsall Council leader Sean Coughlan spoke of his sadness at the increase but said he believes the switching off of speed cameras by West Midlands Police in April last year has played a part in the rise.

"In the end, it is down to individual driver responsibility but at the time of the camera switch-off I remember saying that there was the potential for accidents to increase once people got used to the fact the cameras were no longer there.

"In Staffordshire, where they largely remain, the picture is different. It is a sad indictment on our society."

The tragedies that year included the death of car driver Majid Hussain, 34, who died after a double decker bus and his Honda Jazz collided on the A34 Birmingham Road in July 2013.

The following month an elderly woman suffered chest injuries and another person in the same vehicle suffered a back injury after two cars collided on the same road. They were treated at Walsall Manor Hospital. Firefighters had to cut the roofs off both vehicles to free those trapped inside following the smash.

In Staffordshire, 165 people were either killed or seriously injured compared to 221 in 2012 - a reduction of 56. It has been ranked the second safest county in the country after South Gloucestershire.

## Ghosts galore in old mining village



Historian Anita Bates and Lyn Brookes who are holding a ghost walk through Pelsall tomorrow evening

AFTER the spookiness of Halloween, the hunt is now on to find the ghost of a man who was killed in a mining disaster in Pelsall over 140 years ago.

A walk through the village will take place on the anniversary of the tragedy tomorrow.

Twenty two men died when the Pelsall Hall Colliery flooded on November 14, 1872, as miners came across old unrecorded workings which were full of water. Some men were rescued when they clung to the bottom of the

pit cage and were hauled to safety but the rest perished.

Ghost walk organiser Lyn Brookes said: "Pelsall is quite a haunted village but this ghost in particular is of interest. The bodies were stored in what was then The Station Hotel, which was turned into a makeshift mortuary. It is a private house now but we can get close to it. Not far away, at the back of The Railway pub, is the place where the old railway line used to run, where a Victorian couple were run

over by a train." Accompanying her on the walk will be author Anita Bates, who wrote a book about the mining disaster. The walk will raise money for the MS Therapy Centre in Wolverhampton which specialises in treating people with multiple sclerosis.

Anita, whose 45-year-old son Christopher suffers from the condition, said: "It's an excellent centre and deserves lots of support." Tickets, at £5 a head, are on sale at The Olde Sweet Shop in Pelsall High Street.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Stephen's mother picks up his MBE

STEPHEN Sutton's mother Jane has collected his posthumous MBE for the inspirational teenager's charity work. The Burntwood 19-year-old accepted the honour before his death on May 14.

Mrs Sutton said although he always said he did not want recognition for his charity work, he had acknowledged that to receive an MBE was 'awesome'.

The teenager, who was diagnosed with bowel cancer at 15, became a household name as he helped raise £5million for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

### Firework goes off inside car

A FIREWORK shot through the side window of a parked car in Willenhall and exploded, causing the windscreen to shatter. The incident, which happened last Thursday, is being treated as suspicious.

Firefighters from Willenhall were called to the Renault Clio which had been parked in Gipsy Lane at about 9.15pm.

Crew commander Andy Howard said: "It shattered the windscreen when it exploded and also burned the front seat."

### Swimming pool closing to public

THE main swimming pool at Walsall Gala Baths will be closed to the public later this month, bosses have warned. It is shutting to make way for various school swimming galas.

The pool will be shut from 6pm on November 25 until 4.30pm on December 2. During the closure, the brine pool will remain open to the public and other non-pool based activities at the centre will continue.

### A week of delays due on main road

MOTORISTS face a week of delays on a main route in Walsall this month.

Traffic signal improvements are being carried out on Sutton Road, near the Longwood Road junction. Temporary signals will be in place between November 17 and 21 between 9.30am and 4pm in a bid to minimise disruption on the busy route.

### Pick-ups halt

HOMEOWNERS in Walsall are being reminded that garden waste collections stop on November 28. The council is proposing to charge for garden waste collections from April 2016.

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THANKS for your humorous epitaphs. The expression "never speak ill of the dead" is obviously a new one. A reader found a tombstone on which one grieving husband inscribed: "Arabella Young, who on 17th July 1781 began to hold her tongue."

ANOTHER reader tells of a headstone in Yorkshire where the first lines record the death of a husband and the next line the passing of his wife. Underneath, in a different script, someone added: "She was not a virtuous woman."

MY father, too, as a fully paid-up Yorkshireman, felt no obligation to speak well of the dead. When one of his acquaintances died the local paper approached him for a few words to include in the obituary. "You may quote me," my father replied, "as saying that Mr \*\*\*\*\* was a complete \*\*\*\* and the world is a much better place for his passing." Needless to say they didn't use it.

A POLL of Radio Times readers suggests the favourite movie line of all time is Buzz Lightyear's quote from Toy Story: "To infinity . . . and beyond!" The poll's top 10 - explicitly overlooked "May the Force be with you" from Stars Wars and "I love the smell of napalm in the morning" from Apocalypse Now. Strange poll, strange result. But then who reads the Radio Times these days?

WE all have our personal best movie lines. One of mine is from the cello scene in Local Hero when Mac asks for a 42-year-old whisky and is told it's not available. "Well," he replies, "Give me four eight-year-olds and a ten-year-old." And there's a gem of a line at the end of Jungle Book when the man-cub Mowgli, having grown up with animals, is suddenly enchanted by his first sight of a little girl. Baloo the bear growls: "Forget about those. They ain't nothing but trouble."



GOD alone knows why Michael Fallon is our Secretary of State for Defence. He looks like a suburban grocer, his background is in stock-broking and private nurseries and he has never spent a day in uniform. Yet he is the man who has ordered British troops back into Iraq, to "train" Iraqi forces how to fight the Islamic State. Train them? Which bit of "Don't run away" do the Iraqis not understand? If they are not prepared to fight for their own country, why should British soldiers be sent to hold their hands? By rights, this Sunday should have been a day to rejoice, the first Remembrance Day for many years with no British "boots on the ground" in any foreign wars. Michael Fallon is changing all that. I fear events may teach him a terrible lesson.

A GOVERNMENT spokesman popped up on the radio this week to repeat one of the Great Whoppers of Our Time: "Crime has fallen by 10 per cent." No, it hasn't. It's just that thousands of criminals have abandoned the risky business of theft, fraud and mugging for the safe, warm, rewarding pastures of cyber crime. Crime on the internet is booming and most of it is ignored by the police, so it doesn't appear in any recorded-crime statistics. I have never been mugged in the street but at least once or twice a day someone tries to rob me via my computer. If you seriously think crime is falling, you really ought to be in politics.

WHY did the teenager Will Cornick murder his teacher? Because he is a psychopath. How do we know he is a psychopath? Because he murdered his teacher. Yet again a mental-health diagnosis in a murder case seems to be nothing more than being wise after the event.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Hit-run family criticise GBH charge

A MAN has admitted GBH after a hit and run in Brownhills but the family of his seriously injured victim say he should have faced more serious charges.

John Thomason drove a van at 42-year-old Gareth James and his friend Richard Vernon on the corner of Hednesford Road and Wilkin Road in August. Mr James was badly injured and has still been un-

able to return to work after suffering a bleed on the brain. His friend suffered minor injuries.

The 25-year-old admitted a charge of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to Gareth James at Wolverhampton Crown Court. He also admitted attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to Mr Vernon, driving while disqualified, dangerous driving and having no

insurance. Thomason, of Thetford Road, Great Barr, had originally been charged with attempted murder but made his GBH plea after the case was reviewed by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Mr James' sister Louise Edwards said the family were disappointed.

She said: "Gareth is absolutely gutted and as a family we feel very let down. It is still very raw for us

# Water sports centre may be sunk in cuts

**A WATER sports centre faces closure while outdoor adventure activities could be scaled back in a bid to save almost £100,000.**

The Outdoor Adventure Service which supported up to 5,000 people last year is to be scrapped under latest plans unveiled by Walsall Council. It currently runs the Sneyd Water Activities Centre and the Aldridge Airport Outdoor Activities Centre.

The service has a focus on providing outdoor adventure for children and young people with disabilities.

Walsall Council says the likely impact of removing the subsidy it provides to run the facilities is the closure of Sneyd Watersports Centre and a major reduction in outdoor adventure services, as well as the loss of two jobs. The centre at Aldridge would become a Behaviour Improvement Centre instead.

Schools will also need to seek alternative locations with provisional discussions having taken place over the use of Chasewater.

A report to the council said: "The provision of Outdoor Adventure is not a statutory function."

"The vast majority of the customers of the service are Walsall schools so closing the service will lead to schools having to find an other provider."

"There are many alternative providers across the West Midlands; however securing the level of disability specialism provided by the

By Craig Hughes

current service will be difficult.

"A particular issue will be the cost of replacement provision - the current service has evolved to principally service disabled young people, which requires significant investment in equipment and a far higher staff."

It adds: "The construction of the Aldridge Airport Centre was 100 per cent funded by the National Lottery (New Opportunities Fund); it was completed in 2007 at a cost of £1 million."

"The grant agreement suggests that refocusing the centre as a Behaviour Improvement Centre will not trigger any repayment of the grant."

Councillor Khizar Husain, portfolio holder for community, leisure and culture, said: "It is well documented that the council needs to save £86 million over the next four years and difficult decisions will have to be taken."

# Carols for new ward

A CHRISTMAS carol concert will be held at Walsall Manor Hospital next month to celebrate the opening of a 30-bed ward. The event will be staged on December 18 and the Beacon Primary School choir has been invited to take part and visit the ward, which is due to be finished in the next few weeks.

The £4.7m decant ward is part of plans for an overall £30m revamp of the site to cope with rising numbers of patients. Youngsters who attend the event are also expected to receive a visit from Santa. The ward will help to provide extra space for patients to be transferred.

# War Memorial rededicated



Standard bearers seen during the rededication ceremony at the war memorial

A FIRST World War memorial was rededicated in front of dignitaries and school children. The service was held at Barr Beacon war memorial on Friday, and was attended by pupils from four schools.

They were joined by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Paul Sabapathy CBE, Colonel Tom Lloyd OBE TD DL, chair of the military deputy lieutenant group and the Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Pete Smith.

Pupils from Blackwood, Lindens, Meadow View and St Anne's primary schools took part in the service and formed a joint choir for the special event.

The ceremony began at 10.45am at the memorial on the local nature reserve and was organised in partnership with the local schools and military representatives.

Barr Beacon Trust, Walsall Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund were also involved in planning the event, which featured prayers, readings, wreath laying, the sounding of the Last Post and the release of doves to symbolise peace.

The 45-minute service was led by rev-



Front, from left, Councillor Adrian Andrew, Mayor Pete Smith and Councillor Gary Clarke

erend Mandy Walker with father Gwilym Lloyd. Walsall Mayor, councillor Pete Smith said: "It was a tremendous morning. It was wonderful to see so many school children attend, especially when the main message was peace rather than war."

The war memorial is the focus point of Barr Beacon and is one of Walsall's most recognisable landmarks. It dates back to 1933 and is made of Portland stone.

# Top choir on stage in aid of of NSPCC

ONE of the best-known male voice choirs in the world is performing in Walsall later this month.

The Treorchy Male Choir will be on stage at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday.

Money raised at the concert will be donated to the NSPCC. The choir, made up of amateur singers from across Wales, has been charming audiences across the world for the past 130 years.

The musical ensemble has made almost 60 commercial recordings resulting in a number of hit albums, world tours and TV performances.

Jenny Sedgwick, community fundraising manager from NSPCC, said: "We are so excited to welcome the Treorchy Male Choir to Walsall. They are recognised as one of the greatest choral ensembles of all time and they have shared the stage with some of the world's greatest entertainers. With only a few tickets remaining, we urge the people of Walsall to buy their tickets now to avoid missing out."

She added: "As well as providing a truly enjoyable evening, the event will also raise vital funds for the NSPCC."

For tickets call 0844 892 0217 or email midlandsappeals@nspcc.org.uk

# Countdown on complex

WORK is expected to start on a new cinema complex in Walsall in the coming weeks, it has been revealed.

The Vue cinema in Littleton Street, next to Tesco, will create more than 200 jobs. Developers said a deal was expected to be completed in the next three weeks, and that work could start soon after.

The cinema will fit in with the long-term £400m Gigaport scheme which aims to create a business and office corridor through the heart of the borough. There are also plans for a second cinema at Walsall Waterfront.

# Car park bid

A CAR park at Walsall Arboretum is to receive a £170,000 makeover early next year, council chiefs have confirmed. The Grange parking area at the Arboretum Extension is to be improved to tie in with the transformation of the premier park.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Country night in partner's memory

COUNTRY and western fans are being urged to dust off their boots to support a good cause tomorrow, Friday. A country and western night is being held to raise money for St Giles Hospice at Willenhall's Sheppwell Green Club.

Organiser Brian Watson said the event is in memory of his partner Lesley 'Queenie' Craddock, who died from cancer. Country star Johnny Holland will be performing. Doors open at 7pm and admission is £3 payable at the door.

Country and western dress would be appreciated.

## Housing group in call centre award

A CALL centre which is based in Walsall has been highlighted as one of the best in the UK at an awards ceremony.

Walsall Housing Group was placed in 25th in the top 50 Call Centres for customer service in a ceremony in London. The housing provider which works in the borough deals with more than 250,000 incoming calls a year.

Helen Roberts, customer contact centre manager, said staff were delighted with the award.

## Homes scheme for stables site

LAND used by a riding school in Pheasey is poised make way for a housing development, it has emerged.

Plans have been lodged for four new homes on the site of long standing stables at Foxhills Farm in Beacon Road near Barr Beacon Nature Reserve. A new access road will also be built if the scheme is approved by Walsall Council planners for the premises near Barr Beacon School.

## Village is hit by spate of crimes

HOMES and cars were targeted in Pelsall with a series of crimes reported in the last month.

There were four attempted house burglaries and six cases of vehicle crime, of which four were criminal damage, throughout October. Neighbourhood team police warned people to set alarms and secure windows and doors.

## Talk on 1950s

A TALK on life in the 1950s is at Walsall Museum today, Thursday. Paul Harding, of Discover History, will lead the talk. It takes place from 2-3pm and tickets are £2. Book on 01922 653116.

## Business contracts on offer at event

BUSINESSES in Walsall will be battling it out to secure contracts on three multi-million pound projects in the town. A Meet The Buyer event is due on November 25 at Walsall College.

Numerous contracts are up for grabs for local firms including the £26m Darlston highways improvement scheme, Jhoots' Pharmacy Group's new £3.2m headquarters and the college's £11m business and sports hub.

The session is aimed at firms who are keen to work with Walsall Council's contractors for each project Dawnus Construction, Interserve and Jessup.

Suppliers that offer a wide range of trades and services including ground work, plastering, roofing, electricians, plumbers and security are being sought.

Regeneration chief, Councillor Mohammad Nazir, said: "This event is intended for all businesses in Walsall, no matter their size, to meet with our key developers and understand how contracts are awarded. There is a huge amount of investment taking place in Walsall, which is very exciting."

The event runs from 7am to 10am at Jerome's Restaurant.

## Council staff wages pledge

WALSALL councillors have agreed plans to pay council workers the living wage from April next year, at a cost of more than £300,000.

In July, it emerged that some 1,015 workers or contractors for Walsall Council were currently below the living wage of £7.65, compared to the national minimum wage, which now stands at £6.50.

Former council leader Mike Bird initially said an increase was unlikely but then in a U-turn asked the human resources and finance departments to come up with proposals.

## Road closure

A ROAD closure will be in place during carriageway resurfacing works over the weekend. They are being carried out on Redhouse Lane and Station Road, Aldridge, from Friday until Monday. Restrictions will operate from 9am to 4pm. Diversions will be in place.

## Academy praised on progress of students

IMPROVEMENTS have been made at an academy in Walsall which fell into special measures earlier this year, according to a new report.

Ormiston Shelfield Community Academy in Pelsall was put into special measures after it was judged as inadequate by Ofsted inspectors following an inspection in January. The school in Broad Way was previously rated as outstanding by the education watchdog after an inspection in 2011.

According to a report published after a recent follow-up inspection, inspector Charalambos Loizou has judged that the

academy is 'making reasonable progress towards the removal of special measures'.

He has recommended that the academy, which has more than 1,300 pupils on roll, does not seek to appoint newly-qualified teachers.

During a monitoring inspection earlier this month, inspectors visited lessons, met with school leaders and an education adviser who is commissioned by the academy's sponsor, Ormiston Academies Trust.

They spoke to pupils and took account of parents' views from surveys.

The report said achievement improved

significantly in mathematics and science in the national test results for 2014 but the percentage of pupils gaining GCSE grades A\* to C in English declined compared with the previous year.

Mr Loizou said: "Nonetheless, an increasing proportion of pupils are making or exceeding the expected rate of progress in most year groups in English, mathematics and science."

He said the academy's leaders and staff had, rightly, prioritised extended writing as an area for improvement. The achievement of students in the sixth form is improving

well, reflecting a more consistent approach to checking work and progress and more effective teaching across subjects, according to the report.

Inspectors found that lessons were increasing opportunities for pupils to ask questions and share ideas with other pupils that gave them more confidence and self-assurance. Mr Loizou said: "Teachers are increasingly using assessments to plan lessons and tasks for pupils that build on their previous learning, although there are still lessons that lack sufficient challenge for the most able pupils."

## Security boost needed at market, say stallholders

MARKET traders in Walsall have called for security guards to be re-introduced after a stallholder was seriously injured when he was struck in the face during an attack.

The 37-year-old was assaulted outside Santander, in Park Street, after he was said to have confronted a man after advertising boards on a mobile phone stand were pushed over.

The incident took place in the Bradford Street part of the site on Friday October 31.

Now businesses say they want to see police patrols stepped up and a return to the employment of security staff after a series of incidents to hit the site.

Julie Powell, aged 57, has operated a soft furnishing stall there for almost 30 years. "I don't think there is enough communication between the market and the police. At one time we were promised that a radio handset that could be used to call for help would be set up at every street corner leading to the market, but that never came off."

"I think it's short-sighted as the market brings in a lot of footfall to the town centre and we do pay quite a lot in fees. We used to have a security years ago. I think they should be brought back. It needs to be addressed."

Samuel Masih, aged 31, added: "It's a shame what happened to that bloke. It wasn't nice at all. His face was bleeding and swollen." Mr Masih said.

The victim, who is from West Bromwich, was taken to hospital for treatment and later discharged.

Five men aged between 20 and 23 were arrested by police on suspicion of wounding and assault. They have now been released on bail pending further inquiries.

## Lara's on target with latest cakes



Lara Clarke with her two cakes. The little one is Tyrian from Game of Thrones and the bigger one is of Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss in The Hunger Games

AMATEUR baker extraordinaire, Lara Clarke, from Brownhills, has struck gold and silver at a top show at the NEC.

Lara created lifelike models of Tyrian, a character in the hit TV series Game of Thrones and Katniss from the blockbuster films The Hunger Games. She entered them both into Cake International in Birmingham which took place over the weekend.

She struck gold with Katniss and silver with Tyrian. Miss Clarke said: "I was very pleased with gold and silver. It's the biggest cake competition in the world so to get both was really good. I got gold last year so it was great to carry on that achievement."

Miss Clarke spent three months creating her edible entries for the prestigious show. Last year she picked up a gold medal for her Jack Sparrow cake, a 5ft 5in edible lookalike that took 90 hours to make. THIS time round the 28-year-old decided to make two cakes in different sizes to properly show off her talents. She said: "It's really hard to get a flawless finish on something that's 6ft tall so I made a slightly smaller one as well so that I could put in more detail – so it was one for effect, one for skill."

Although the entries – in the decorative category – do not have to be edible, Lara was determined to demonstrate the full range of her talents. "You could eat it – you just wouldn't want to," she said. "Because we had to make everything ourselves, I've had to do make them over several weeks."

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

NAPOLEON once dismissed Britain as 'a nation of shopkeepers. Well according to a rather new depressing survey into our towns and cities, the Black Country and its environs is now a region of bookies, pawnbrokers and kebab shops.

Now, I really would like to be angry about the study by retail analysts Harper Dennis Hobbs, which ranks Dudley the worst of Britain's 500 main shopping destinations, with Halesowen, Bilston and Rugeley faring only marginally better. However, it is surely only telling us what we already know. Indeed, judging from the public reaction to the study, the main bone of contention among people in this area is how Wolverhampton, which comes in at a middling 262nd place in the survey, is not down there with them.

Outraged civic leaders say the figures fail to take into account the many regeneration schemes lined up for their areas. But aside from the proposed new Debenhams store at the Mander Centre, which will hopefully give Wolverhampton a boost, what else is in the pipeline to turn around these towns which persistently punch below their weight? Is a new market place in Dudley really going to bring back the likes of Beatties? I doubt it.

### Admit

Of course, it is unfair to lay all the blame at cash-strapped councils, which in reality do not have as much power as we would like to think over where retailers choose to locate. What would be nice, though, would be for our leaders to admit there is a problem, instead of indignantly protesting at the unfairness of it all. Talking up tourism really isn't much help when it comes to the weekly shop.

The one ray of hope is the Queen's Square shopping centre in West Bromwich, which has breathed some life into the town by giving people what they want – large retail units with ample car parking, which are able to attract the big-name retailers. More please.

I'm a Black Country lad, and I will always support my local town, whatever the surveys say. But I do this out of blind loyalty, in pretty much the same way that I will always support Aston Villa, even though, more often than not, this involves paying out for an experience which leaves me feeling deflated and disheartened.

The trouble is, I suspect I am one of a dying breed, and this cannot bode well for the Black Country. Just as many youngsters today reject the dubious pleasures of supporting their underachieving local teams in favour of watching the expensively assembled stars of Chelsea, Manchester City or United on television, how likely is it that many of them will continue to support the likes of our ailing towns and cities, when they can just hop on a train to Birmingham.



The Pin Ups, featuring Jemma, on the left



Fellow hopefuls, Bianca Miller and Sanjay Sood-



Jemma, shortly before being told, 'you're fired'

# ‘Fired’ Jemma – I had more to give

Aldridge girl Jemma's adventure on The Apprentice is over. **CRAIG HUGHES** takes up the story

**SHE claimed she was 'always the girl that nearly wins' and now a dancer from Aldridge, who has dreams of business success, has lost out again after being booted out of The Apprentice by Lord Sugar.**

The bubble has burst for 27-year-old Jemma Bird, with her ambition of being crowned winner now over after she was fired from the remaining pool of candidates in last week's programme.

The University of Wolverhampton dance graduate had been bidding to launch a performing arts coaching business in her home town, but despite being told she was polite by the business mogul she was the ninth contestant to be given the chop. In the Express & Star after the show, she revealed that she felt she had a lot more to give. And she said she still plans to plough ahead with her business dream.

### Surreal

Her departure from the show came after her stint as a history tour guide, as part of a challenge that saw teams on the BBC1 show tasked with putting on coach tour day trips for the best profit.

Project manager Sanjay Sood-Smith took Jemma and fellow contestant Bianca Miller into the boardroom where the Aldridge girl ended up being told 'your fired' by Lord Sugar.

But Jemma, who runs an entertainment cabaret agency the Pins Ups, said she had enjoyed the experience of being on the show and learning more about business. Describing her time on The Ap-



Jemma Bird in the promotional picture before the start of the latest series

prentice, she said: "It was amazing, it is just the whole experience is so surreal. I am already interested in business but this has taken it to the next level.

"It has been a massive learning curve. I am just a normal down to earth person, I went in there to try and get the investment. It became a bit 'who shouts the loudest goes' and I couldn't compete with that, I am not that kind of person."

She believed she should have been brought in the boardroom with James Hill instead of being in the final three.

much outside of filming. But it was just to be given the opportunity, I was kind of in awe a little bit. What a successful guy and being able to meet him and him know who I am.

"I am quite open to criticism. I like to learn, you don't learn if everyone tells you that you are brilliant all the time.

"He referred to me as being very polite and that goes down a treat with me. I couldn't think of anything bad to say. You genuinely are grateful."

Lord Sugar identified the pricing strategy for the tours as a big problem as they were called into the boardroom.

Starting with Sanjay, Lord Sugar said: "I'm a bit disappointed to be honest with you, someone with the credentials that you have. It was a diabolical experience for the 25 customers you had. You sold tickets too cheap, the strategy was wrong, I'm finding it very difficult to place the blame elsewhere to be honest."

"Jemma, I can tell you that the feedback from the customers was that this was a very, very poor tour. But the big worry I have is that I don't know what you've been doing here for five weeks to be honest."

"Bianca, Nick, Karren and I have kind of felt that you have some potential. Having said that, you took it upon yourself to reduce ticket prices that were instructed by your project manager. You know, it is a fire-able offence as far as I'm concerned. It's very difficult."

"It is regretful, Sanjay, that someone of your qualifications has led this team badly on this particular occasion and actually tarnished, I suppose, my name in putting on a generally poor tour."

"But... I have to say... that Jemma, you've always been the girl that nearly wins, and I'm sorry to say that you're not going to win on this occasion. Jemma, you're fired."

After the candidates leave, he finishes: "I don't wanna mess about in this particular process, I don't think she's contributed and I cannot see her as my business partner."

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

WHAT'S in a name? Well, plenty as it happens, particularly when it comes to the identity of the Black Country.

Greater Birmingham is dead. Long live the West Midlands Combined Authority or Birmingham and the Black Country, the councillors haven't figured that one out quite yet.

Five councils have joined forces to work on matters that affect them all and take advantage of whatever new powers or funding they might be offered by the Government.

And the reason they have done it is because the Heart of England is in danger of becoming a squeezed middle. The south east is expanding. The northern towns and cities are teaming up.

If the Black Country and Brum are to get any more than crumbs off the table they have to be pulling in the same direction. At least that's the theory behind the long-running saga of Greater Birmingham.

The problem was that every time some well-meaning person uttered it in the hope of drawing attention to the West Midlands, all it did was provoke a debate about identity.

The use of Greater Birmingham in any sort of marketing exercise did not result in national newspapers writing how the West Midlands was on the up but how its various towns were up in arms about something the London elite found to be terribly quaint. But the Black Country is the Black Country. It won't simply be quietly absorbed. We ay Brummies.

The name Greater Birmingham was supposed to be about unity and solidarity. In fact it just turned out to be terribly divisive.

The combined authority is nothing to really get hot under the collar about. No-one is suggesting a new layer of bureaucracy or generous allowances for councillors. Nor are they planning on having yet more elections that barely anyone will bother turning out to vote in.

But ever since the coalition parties and Labour promised Scotland far greater control over its own affairs, there has been a lot of talk about doing the same in England.

That means whether it's the Tories, Labour or another coalition featuring one or the other after the General Election, something has to exist in the West Midlands to take advantage of anything that's on offer.

We're already playing catch up. Greater Manchester, which has had one for a few years.

Maybe that's why the name Greater Birmingham seemed to roll off so many tongues. As a region we need to get our swagger back and remember what a big deal we all are, particularly when we're on the same side.

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## Sad demise of council bonfire events

NOVEMBER 5th, one of the biggest dates in English history, and celebrated for many years by Walsall townsfolk, attending organised bonfires and firework displays, will be no longer.

The council has in its wisdom cancelled any future events, even though these displays pay for themselves, via entry fees. Just like Walsall's illuminations were axed, which was the second largest in Britain, where people from all over the country came to see and admire. In its last year before it was axed, we had fantastic laser light and

water displays. Why did they not use LED lighting to cut costs?

The reason organised displays were started, was firstly to prevent accidents by families having their own displays and bonfires at home. Secondly it was cheaper to take families to organised events, and enjoy the fun fairs, and have a bite to eat. Walsall Council will blame cuts from central government, but who has to explain to our children, and grandchildren, that bonfire night, and its once a year celebration is no more?

A PARKER, Willenhall

## Fury over Cenotaph cross theft

My husband and myself, recently did what we have been doing for a few years now, and that is to take a cross to put on the War Memorial Cenotaph in Pinson Road, Willenhall, in memory of George Cooper, my husband's grandfather.

Later, making a visit into Willenhall, going past the Cenotaph I noticed that not only had our cross gone, but also one that had been left by someone else. I phoned Walsall Council and they have assured me under no circumstances would anyone from 'the council' remove anything from the Cenotaphs. So who has?

Our relative like so many others did not give his life in the Great War just for one day, but so that we could live a better life. I hope that whoever removed our cross realises just what they have done, just for a laugh maybe, I don't know, they can't have a conscience at all. I hope the morons who enjoy taking our cross get just desserts in their life.

MR & MRS R LEES  
Willenhall

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

## Overblown budgets despite the cutbacks

DEAR, oh dear, will Walsall Council never learn?

My friend has just received a letter from the Walsall Social Care and Inclusion Department regarding the Government's cuts to the budget and the possible effects.

I am sure we have all been made aware of this situation already. These departments all operating individually, never talking to one another, are continuing to waste money and resources.

The costs to produce and send out these unnecessary letters really illustrates clearly, that the various departments enjoy budgets in excess of requirements. Or are departmental heads so naive? Have you seen the new noticeboards indi-

cating where Aldridge is? Very nice. Is there money to burn? Have we seen the wonderful flower displays this year? Lovely? Yes, but can we afford them?

My bet is that every motorist has noticed the multiple traffic lights, and sign boards, at many junctions. Bringing traffic to a complete halt, waiting whilst nothing is crossing. Surely self-regulating islands are a much more economical way of traffic control.

There is no doubt at all, many of the departmental heads are trying to justify and keep their budget, while at the same time proving how good they are in wasting taxpayer's money.

RAY HAMMOND  
Aldridge

## Given away? Not for long

OH yes, how things are improving. I've just had the first £100 over the tax threshold as my own spending money for the week.

How well off, I thought. But fate was to deal a cruel blow. HMRC wanted 20 per cent. Oh well, still got £80 left. Oops! I forgot the NI at just 12 per cent. I put £30 in the car and the Chancellor's till rang again to the tune of £17.70, picked up a packet of cigarettes for the week, another £6.40 to George, and when I'd had my two pints a night for five nights I'd weighed in with another £9.

All in all a good week. I'd spent my £100 and given the Government £65.01 of it in tax. Then I was lucky enough to get a puncture. The repair to which attracted a tax levy of £2.40, and then I had to take the dog to the vet's and joy oh joy I handed over another £8.30 VAT.

J MAIN, Great Wyrley

## Bitter taste as coins go

WHAT on earth is going on? Is it possible to make sense of this? There is only one prevailing theme, the festive season is losing a little more of its tinsel.

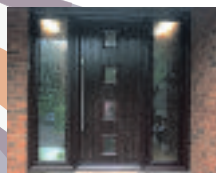
We are living in broken Britain as Cadbury's chocolate coins have been discontinued. Imagine Christmas stockings without this treat. Are we now forced to buy poor imitations? United Nations will have to resolve this with some urgency. It is time for action, choco-holics unite, bring the magic back.

CLLR DOUG JAMES  
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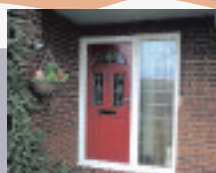
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## Young bookworms meet author Dan



Dan Freedman with pupils from left, Rosa Worrall, George Blakemore, Louis Garratt, Lily Smyth and Jasmine

YOUNG bookworms got the chance to meet a leading children's author when he visited their school.

Students in year seven at Aldridge School met Dan Freedman, the man behind the much-loved Jamie Johnson football books. The London-based author, who has written about football for newspapers as well as penning match-day programmes for England games, held an assembly and question and answer session at the Tynings Lane school.

His visit was part of the school's annual book week, which saw more than 100 prizes awarded and presented by Aldridge-Brownhills MP Sir Richard Shepherd.

Mrs Harbans Kaur, the Tynings Lane school's librarian, said: "The pupils have been inspired by Dan's visit."

Mr Freedman published his first book in the Jamie Johnson series - 'The Kick Off' - in 2012. Prior to that he worked for the Football Association where he was editor-in-chief.

## £114m obesity bill shock

**OBSESITY** in the West Midlands is at a 'tipping point' as the cost to the public purse of 'inactivity' in the Black Country and Staffordshire was put at almost £115 million a year.

A summit of health professionals, businesses and others has been held to try to tackle the crisis.

The estimated annual 'cost of inactivity' in Walsall alone is put at £21.9m.

The costs are for treating obese and overweight people.

Exercise promoter UK Active also says in a report that the West Midlands has the highest percentage of adults who are physically inactive.

Speaking at the Obesity Summit held at Wolverhampton Racecourse, Bilston councillor Stephen Simkins, who has taken on a weight loss challenge to go from 23st 3lb to around 16 stone, said: "There are two reasons why tackling obesity is so important."

"One is the financial burden it puts on taxpayers and the other is that people need a better quality of life. People need to be aware that there is an option for them to change their lifestyle and the benefits of this are enormous."

Nearly 300 representatives took part in the obesity summit forum.

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# Celebrity backing for Connie's war tribute

SHE has built up an army of fans from across the globe and now Streetly singing sensation Connie Talbot's latest musical offering has been backed by TV personality Stephen Fry.

She had recorded her new song, which is a cover of Heroes by the Swedish DJ and music producer Alesso, to raise money for the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal.

The QI frontman has posted a link to the YouTube video to his 7.8 million followers on Twitter.

The new video by the 13-year-old, who has managed to build up an army of fans across the globe, features the teenager playing the piano in a tribute to the First World War in a tribute to the troops who lost their lives.

It shows the soldiers kissing their loved ones before they are sent off to war and troops firing their weapons. It has been filmed in black and white, with the only colour used when red poppies are featured. The video was uploaded to YouTube last Tuesday.

The day after the music video was uploaded, Stephen Fry shared a message of support on Twitter which read: "Really fine #poppyappeal contribution from @ConnieTalbot607." Connie's mother Sharon said the song would hopefully be available to buy on iTunes in the near future, with proceeds going to the poppy appeal which is used by the Royal British Legion for welfare work with serving service personnel, veterans, and their families.

People can also click on a link next to the video on YouTube to donate to the appeal. She said: "With the poppies at the Tower of London and Re-



Connie seen at the piano in the video



Part of the Royal British Legion video



Youngsters during wartime, as part of the images to go with the latest single

membrance Day coming up, Connie wanted to contribute in some way herself. There's a link where people can donate to the poppy appeal and they are working on getting it on iTunes and all the proceeds will be donated."

Connie recorded the song at a studio in Birmingham. Connie first rose to prominence on TV show Britain's

Got Talent in 2007 when her rendition of Somewhere Over The Rainbow grabbed the attention of the nation and later globally via Youtube.

Connie said: "I just want to raise as much money as possible for the Poppy Appeal. Anyone that gave us our future by fighting in wars, really should be looked after."

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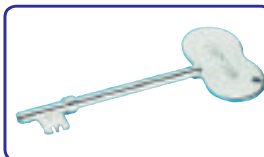
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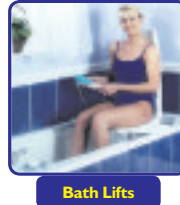
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# Pharmacy group's £3.2m HQ starts to take shape



Councillor Mohammad Nazir and Managing Director Manjit Jhoothy overlook the construction of the Jhoots base

**WITH giant steel girders rising from the ground, work on a new multi-million office headquarters is taking shape in Walsall town centre.**

Ninety tons of metal has been erected as construction of the new Jhoots Pharmacy Group base on the corner of Littleton Street West and Hatherton Street is forging ahead.

Work on the 20,000 sq ft office started in August and the main shape of the £3.2m complex, which will

create 30 jobs, is now in place. Cannon-based developer Jessups is leading the project with the four-storey building expected to be completed next summer.

Regeneration chief, councillor Mohammad Nazir, said: "It's exciting to see this development take place and Walsall's skyline changing so rapidly. We're now seeing the fruits of years and years of hard work behind the scenes and it's great that two major companies are investing in the town centre."

He went on to add: "The council was able to play its part in bringing Jhoots

and Jessup together." The new building will sit near the Walsall Housing Group offices and parallel to Walsall College's £11m Business and Sports Hub which is also under construction.

Manjit Jhoothy, managing director of Jhoots Pharmacy Group, said: "It is uplifting to see the steelworks go up and to see the vision we and our supporters had turn into a reality."

"The new Jhoots office will create a high-quality office accommodation offer in Walsall which will provide new jobs and training opportunity for local people."

## Budget: Have your say

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Informal face to face drop in sessions are being held all over the borough where you can give your views until 9 December 2014.

If you'd like to drop in for an informal chat about the draft budget proposals, you'll find us at the following venues over the next week.

Further dates and venues can be found on the website or by calling the budget consultation hotline on 01922 653644.

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# Write on for group with book launch



Walsall Writers' Circle members and contributors to the book celebrate the arrival of 'Winter Festivals'

A WALSALL writers' group has launched its own book. Members of Walsall Writers' Circle have all submitted articles, poems, short stories and memoirs to compile Winter Festivals and are inviting people to curl up with a copy on a cold night.

The book will be landing on shelves in local book stores and online later this month and to celebrate the group held a launch event recently at Southcart Books.

Stuart Williams, vice chairman of the Walsall Writers'

Circle said: "The book is an anthology comprised of ranging from poignant memories of Christmas as a child, to an eye-wateringly funny poem about the Christmas Crib."

An ebook will be available at a later date and the book will also be available on Amazon.

Walsall Writers' Circle meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30pm at Broadway North Centre in Walsall and visitors are invited to attend. To find out more about the circle visit [www.walsallwriterscircle.webs.com](http://www.walsallwriterscircle.webs.com)

# Heating rationing on way

**HOME owners in the region look set to ration how long they have their heating on this winter.**

The findings come from leading home assistance company HomeServe, based in Walsall.

The independent poll of 2,000 homeowners revealed that in the West Midlands, 28 per cent will be rationing how long they have their heating on.

In addition, those surveyed said boiler breakdown is one of their biggest concerns (10 per cent) with a further 13 per cent saying they will ration which areas of their homes to heat.

With Christmas less than two months away, when asked how they would fund the cost of replacing a failed boiler, 34 per cent of people said they would raid savings, whilst 15 per cent said they wouldn't be able to afford to replace it.

The research found October 31 was the most popular day in 2014 for people to press the 'on' button on their boilers and home heating (28 per cent of those polled).

HomeServe is offering a range of handy hints and tips for homeowners experiencing common boiler problems, at [www.homeserve.com/help-advice/boiler-heating/common-boiler-problems](http://www.homeserve.com/help-advice/boiler-heating/common-boiler-problems). "Our website has plenty of help and advice," added Mr Reed.



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## FOCUS ON BLOXWICH

# Playing field maintenance services set to be cut back

WALSALL'S mayor has officially opened a new charity shop at the town's main shopping centre.

Councillor Pete Smith visited the Saddlers Centre last Monday to open the British Heart Foundation shop at Bradford Mall.

Staff at the shop said residents have already shown their support by bringing in donations of clothes, shoes, accessories, books and DVDs.

British Heart Foundation's area manager, Cheryl Hanley said: "I'd like to thank the people of Walsall for their support."

"We've had an absolutely brilliant response from the community, receiving a range of quirky and unique items, including shirts and skirts, tea sets and children's books, but we still need more. We're appealing for everyone to have a root around their home."

## Santa sleighs it with visit

PERFORMERS are being urged to take part in events in Walsall in the run-up to Christmas, with Bloxwich kicking off festivities on November 29.

Santa will be on his sleigh in the town handing out free goodies to children from 10am 4pm.

Fun days have been earmarked across Aldridge, Bloxwich, Brownhills, Darlaston and Willenhall.

Anyone interested in volunteering should email [RollsN@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:RollsN@walsall.gov.uk)

**GRASS at public parks, including Bloxwich's King George V playing field, will be cut less often and flower displays in Walsall will be scrapped to save nearly £500,000.**

Maintenance at sites such as Barr Beacon and Brownhills Common will be 'significantly reduced' apart from some main pedestrian routes.

by Adam Burling

And grass verges and parks in housing estates will be cut up to every 20 days, instead of fortnightly during the summer months.

It comes just days after it emerged that community events and bonfires will be scrapped at parks throughout Walsall under the latest council budget cuts.

Fourteen jobs from the 90 in the department will be lost under the plans. A report to the council states: "The frequency of cutting large grass areas, currently mown on a fortnightly basis, will be significantly reduced except for popular pedestrian access routes including those used regularly by dog walkers etc."

Other examples given include Reedswood Park, Clayhanger Common and parts of Pleck Park. All seasonal displays of plants in town centres will be stopped, which mainly includes hanging baskets and fixed pots on the pavement.

Aldridge, Brownhills, Bloxwich, Darlaston, Willenhall, Walsall Arboretum, Aldridge cenotaph, Bloxwich's King George V playing field and the cenotaph in Rushall will all be hit. The report to council bosses admits there is a 'potential increase in customer demands for service and complaints about service standards'.

It adds: "This saving may encourage anti-social behaviour in relation to its impact on the appearance of neighbourhoods which could show signs of neglect if areas appear unkempt."

"It may impact on service awards for excellence in relation to In Bloom, Green Flag awards etc which are supported and assisted by the community. It may impact on the overall appearance and perceived cleanliness of neighbourhoods."



King of chess Ray Dolan, points to success after a first year teaching at Bloxwich Library

## Ray hopes more get on board

IT may not be a hi-tech hobby - but Ray Dolan's chess lessons are growing in popularity a year after he launched them.

Mr Dolan, a former Staffordshire county champion, began teaching people of all ages at Bloxwich Library a year ago. And now he is seeing an increase in numbers at the sessions - particularly among school pupils. The 63-year-old regularly gets around 10 people at the free lessons. He said parents were keen to get their children involved as it can improve their concentration.

Mr Dolan says he is determined to spread the popularity of chess. A retired distribution manager and market trader, he dedicates a lot of his time to the game. He said: "I just love playing chess and teaching people how to play it." Anyone who wants to 'learn', call 07980 101744 or e-mail [Raymond-dolan5@gmail.com](mailto:Raymond-dolan5@gmail.com)

## Scootering jobs dealt with after problems

YOBS riding scooters on land near Bloxwich, intimidating families in a village, have been curbed by new powers to tackle anti-social behaviour.

A gang of up to 20 youths has been riding around Essington near visitors to Brownshere pool and going perilously close to cars, slowing down in front and forcing the drivers to brake. It came to a head recently, when one of the youths rode his scooter into the back of a car, causing damage and resulting in 'an altercation'.

A Section 35 Dispersal Order Notice was issued by the police under the new Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014, which came into effect on October 20. The notice covers all of Essington and means police can disperse anyone suspected of anti-social behaviour, banning them from the area for up to 48 hours.

Anyone younger than 16 can be marched home to their parents - and anyone breaching the notice can be arrested.

Councillor Clift said: "I have had that many calls over the past few weeks I have been badgering the police to deal with it. It obviously seems to be getting worse. Something needed to be done."

Since the notice was issued there have been no issues with the youths, who were not from the Essington area.



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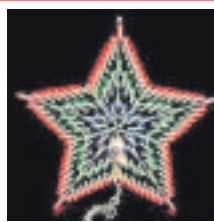
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# Climate change project just what doctor ordered

AN ex-Great Wyrley High School pupil is embarking on an ambitious expedition to the Arctic Circle to carry out the first record of climate change from caves.

Gina Moseley, a doctor who lectures at the University of Innsbruck, in Austria, is heading the Northeast Greenland Caves Project.

Dr Moseley, a 30-year-old former Sainsbury's checkout worker, is planning to take five people on the trek next summer. A further £67,000 is needed to enable it to go ahead.

Some 10 per cent of the remaining target was reached within 24 hours of launching an online platform at [www.crowdfunder.co.uk](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk) on November 3. Rewards are on offer for anyone signing up. The funds will cover the cost of transport, logistics, equipment and supplies.

## Important

The party will visit caves in northeast Greenland and collect samples of calcite and sediment deposits.

The chemical signature of the samples will be analysed to provide information about how the climate and vegetation has changed over the years.

Dr Moseley said: "We have a fantastic opportunity here to improve our knowledge of long-term climate change in the Arctic and in particular for a period that was warmer than today."

"These results are highly important to scientists that work on predicting what our environment might look like in future warmer years."

The team will include polar explorer Clibe Johnson and National Geographic photographer Robbie Shone. As well as the sampling work, they will be searching the area for undis-



Scaling a cliff face in Switzerland



The ex-Wyrley schoolgirl in Borneo



Dr Moseley at work in a cave at Gunung Mulu National Park in Borneo covered caves. The expedition has already received £50,000 support from the Transglobe Expedition Trust, the Petzl Foundation, the British Cave Research Association, the National Speleological Society and the Ghar Parau Foundation.

Transglobe Expedition Trust pres-

ident Sir Ranulph Fiennes said: "We wish the team members every success in this highly ambitious expedition."

Further details about the climate change research expedition can be found at [www.northeastgreenland-cavesproject.co.uk](http://www.northeastgreenland-cavesproject.co.uk) or via social media sites Facebook and Instagram.

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Granny Wood with her son Alfie



Mom is sixth from the left on the second row when this school photo was taken at St Mary's School

# Fond farewell to our dear mom Sylvie, proud to be an Aston Wench

**OUR Mom, Sylvie Chinn nee Perry, was always singing.**

Whatever she was doing she'd sing, but the times I remember best were when she sang on a Sunday along with 'Two Way Family Favourites' on the Light Programme.

Mom would be in the kitchen getting the roast ready for dinner and we'd hear her beautiful voice joining in with Sarah Vaughan, her great favourite, Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Billy Eckstine and others.

Songs played a big part in her life. One of her earliest memories was of sitting in the big shelter in her yard in Whitehouse Street, Aston with her mom and dad and neighbours, and joining in the sing-songs that kept up their spirits as the bombs pounded down on working-class Birmingham. Born in April 1936, Our Mom was only four when the bombing started. Like most Brummie children, she had been evacuated at the start of the war. As she was

## MEMORY LANE

By Professor Carl Chinn

Under school age, she was sent to Cheltenham with Our Nan, Lil Perry, and other mothers and youngsters. Mom had only vague recollections of that time, but as with so many others she was fetched back home during this Phoney War.

And then in the late summer of 1940, the Blitz began. Our Mom remembered one particular night of fear when Our Nan and Granddad, Arthur Perry, grabbed her in her night-clothes, held her in their arms and with everyone else in their yard rushed down the middle of Whitehouse Street to the big underground shelter of Powell and Hammer's.

When me and Our Kid, Darryl, were youngsters and we listened to such stories we found it hard to believe that there could be any happiness or fun during such terrible times. Yet there was. Our Aunt Win was one of Nan's younger sisters and she was

very close with Our Mom. Winnie used to titter about sending Mom to fetch her sand from the bomb pecks so that she could wet it and rub it on her legs. Then she'd get a black pencil and put a line down the back of each of her calves.

That way when she went dancing she looked like she had stockings on. There was a problem, though: when she jitterbugged the chaps would throw her around, her frock would go up and you could see the whites of her legs above her knees.

### Space

Mom spent a lot of time with Our Winnie because when Our Nan married, she and Granddad got a house in the same street as her Mom, Granny Wood. Granny had 12 children and it was very difficult finding space for them all to sleep in a small, two-bedroomed back-to-back which downstairs only had one room and a tiny scullery. So with Nan having a spare bedroom just across the street at 7 back of 6, she took in Winnie who used to sleep in the double

bed in the attic with Mom. Mom always emphasised to us that she was fortunate to grow up knowing that she had the love of her Mom and Dad, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins and to live in a street filled with love. At the heart of that love the inspirational Granny Wood. Mom was always proud to be a backstreet Brummie and an Aston wench, even though she had moved away when she married Dad at eighteen. And although her house had been long gone and there was an open space where her old yard was, Mom always saw it in her mind.

She was proud to come out of Whitehouse Street. Mom's wish was for us to take her back to Aston when she died. And we did. We took her down her street and past her old yard. We remembered her life at Aston Parish Church and the cortege stopped at the Holte End of her beloved Aston Villa on its way to Perry Barr Crematorium. I know this: I am proud to be the son of Sylvie Chinn, nee Perry and one of the Woods out of Whitehouse Street. I am proud to be the son of a proud Aston wench.



Our Mom and her cousins in 1956. She was pregnant with me



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## Lauren leads way for JLR apprentices



Lauren Quinn, from Wednesfield, is a third year apprentice at JLR's factory in Wolverhampton

A WEDNESFIELD teenager is one of the faces of Jaguar Land Rover's new campaign to recruit another 200 apprentices in the coming year.

Lauren Quinn, aged 18, is an advanced apprentice at the company's new £500 million Engine Manufacturing Centre on Wolverhampton's i54 site, which was opened by The Queen last week.

In the final year of her apprenticeship, Lauren, said: "I feel very proud to be working for Jaguar Land Rover and have learned so much during my first years with the company and at college. The icing on the cake was being there when our new facility was opened by The Queen."

The company is now looking for up to 200 new recruits to join the 620-strong group currently undertaking the scheme across its six UK sites.

Applicants can choose either the four-year advanced apprenticeship aimed at GCSE students or the six-year higher apprenticeship aimed at A-Level entrants.

The closing date for applicants is January 31. To apply for an apprenticeship at Jaguar Land Rover visit the website [www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/jlr-roles/apprentices](http://www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/jlr-roles/apprentices).

## Service bus on road to nowhere with plans

A BUS that provides a one stop shop for residents in Walsall and surrounding towns to find out about council services may be scrapped, it has emerged.

The First Stop Shop Express stops off in high footfall spots such as supermarkets and town centres on a regular basis giving residents and shoppers the opportunity to hop on board and speak to staff.

But bosses at Walsall Council want to scrap the service from next year in a bid to save just over £22,000.

Two members of staff are required to work on the bus every time it is used. One job will be lost if the plug is pulled on the service.

In the proposals to axe the bus service, it states: "The bus currently visits limited locations, Willenhall and Darlaston on a regular basis giving residents and shoppers the opportunity to hop on board and enquire about council services."

"The bus has computers which enable customers to apply for bus passes, report fly tipping, report anti-social behaviour or access information about other council services."

"On average the bus is accessed by 14 customers per working day."

By Laura Blyth

In its defence of scrapping the bus, the report adds: "Many services cannot be dealt with directly by the staff on the bus, benefit enquiries for example are redirected via a telephone number to staff at the civic centre."

Technology featured on the vehicle includes computers that allow people to apply for bus passes, report cases of fly tipping and incidents of anti-social behaviour. People are also able to apply for disabled parking badges and pay their council tax bills.

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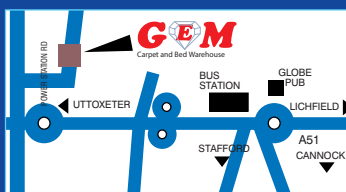
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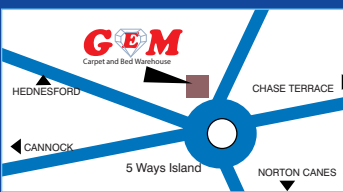


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## Butchers are banger on target for award



Butcher Keith Fisher from Turners of Pelsall and ex-England rugby captain Phil Vickery

**BANGERS** from Walsall have been named the best traditional sausages in the West Midlands. Turners of Pelsall were judged the best by by Celebrity Masterchef winner and former England Rugby captain Phil Vickery. In all 500 sausages were submitted for judging as part of the competition, which was under way as part of British Sausage Week.

### Standard

Of those hundreds, just 42 bangers made it through to the finals.

Mr Vickery said: "There was hardly anything in it for me between the traditional entries in this region, all were of such a high standard."

Traditional sausage winner, butcher Frank Turner, said: "I wanted to make a sausage that showcased that independent butchers were still making quality products."

Wolverhampton butchers Astons of Coven narrowly missed the final 42, but was awarded three silver runner-up prizes for its traditional sausage, its pork and prune sausage, and pork and black pudding sausage.

Brian Bates, the owner of Astons of Coven, said: "It shows that hard work pays off."

"A good, unique sausage is hard to get right, because so many people are doing it."

"It feels great to get the silver, but it'll be even better when we win the gold," he added.

# Bungalow fire claims the life of pensioner

**AN elderly woman died following a bungalow fire in Walsall. She was confirmed dead at the scene in Edison Road, Beechdale.**

It was suspected a dropped cigarette or match in the living room may have sparked the blaze. Fire crews, police and paramedics attended the semi-detached bungalow at around 10.10am last Wednesday.

It followed a call from a relative. The identity of the woman, aged 79, was not immediately revealed at this stage but she has been named locally as Ann.

Neighbours said she is believed to have lived there a matter of months. Great-grandfather Arthur Turner,

by Craig Hughes

79, has lived in Edison Road for around 12 years and saw the emergency services arrive. "My daughter-in-law was going home between 10am-10.15am, she got in the car and I always wave to her," he said.

"I could see smoke pouring out the bungalow. I knew that wasn't right so I got my phone out to call the fire brigade. But before I knew it three or four fire engines turned up. I knew there was something wrong as a police lady was there all day. It is a shock. We have never had anything like it, it is nice and quiet here."

Kathleen Berry, 67, said: "We saw the fire engines. There were three of them, ambulance and police." "One of

the police officers came around to see if we had seen anything. I have never seen the lady. It is very sad."

Another neighbour, who did not want to be named, said: "She was a nice woman, her son used to come and see to her. I am not sure what happened, it is a shock for everyone."

Watch commander Colin Ward, of Bloxwich fire station, said: "It looks like she fell asleep with either a cigarette or match, it dropped onto her lap. When we got into the property she was deceased. Her son went round to see her this morning and there was all smoke in the property. It was mainly confined to the living room."

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Sarah Buxton said: "A 79 year-old woman was found at the scene. It is not being treated as suspicious."

# Margot always with us, says family at farewell

**'SHE lit a flame in us and in so many others, none more so than the people that rallied around during the darkest days'.**

The short but rich life of toddler Margot Martini captured in a single sentence.

The two-year-old's heartbroken family paid an emotional final farewell to the inspirational tot at a private funeral last week, vowing: 'Margot will always stay with us. In our hearts and in our memories'.

The service took place at Mortlake Crematorium in Richmond. Margot died on October 27 after a courageous battle with leukaemia.

Mother Vicki, who is originally from Essington and attended school in Cheslyn Hay said: "Margot was beautiful on the inside and out."

"She was generous and thoughtful. Brave and considerate. Clever and funny. Cheeky and assertive."

"She was a joy to have in our life. I was so proud of her. She was the little girl I had always wanted."

"I had plans for Margot and I. Things I was looking forward to us doing together. Like buying shoes and her trying on my wedding dress."

"Teaching her family recipes and how to use my sewing machine."

"I feel distraught that I can't have that with my daughter. And I will never get to



Family portrait - Margot with her parents, Vicky and Yaser and her brothers

do those simple things with her. I feel robbed. It's so unfair. I loved Margot with all my heart and I will miss her terribly."

"We are saying goodbye to Margot. But she continues to make me proud and my love for her will never diminish. I will hold Margot in my heart forever."

Her father Yaser added: "Margot was such a perfect, wonderful blessing; she enriched all of our lives. And yet, I feel that Margot is still with us."

"And I know that Margot will always stay with us. In our hearts and in our memories. And hopefully she will

regularly grace us in our dreams. This is after all a celebration of her life."

"Margot lit a flame in us and in so many others, none more so than the people that rallied around during the darkest days."

"It was these same people, you, that helped us find purpose and at times, perspective, even when going through something as unthinkable as losing a child. We've taken to calling and referring to these wonderful people as: Team Margot."

Reverend Dorothy Moore Brooks, the Chaplain from Great Ormond Street Hospital carried out the service.

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## Town crier helps with new gift shop launch



Great Barr Bellman and local resident Cyril Richardson, aged 85, helps Vicki Phipps officially open Mindful Gifts

A TOWN crier helped to officially launch a new gift shop in Darlaston which specialises in goods for people with dementia. Mindful Gifts CIC, in King Street, has been set up by Vicki Phipps, who had previously worked in health and social care in Sandwell for 14 years.

Walsall's unofficial town crier Cyril Richardson, aged 85, helped to declare the business open on Tuesday.

Ms Phipps, of Harrison Street, Bloxwich, said the gift shop was the first of its kind in the country and she is hoping to open branches around the UK.

The 50-year-old said: "There's no other shops that sell gifts or activities for people with dementia.

"I used to work as a corporate development manager at an independent living centre for people with disabilities, but I was made redundant last year. When that happened, I decided to do this."

She said she spent around £10,000 redecorating the empty shop unit and buying stock, which she sourced from organisations in the UK and America.

# Month's bill for Manor staff illness tops £360k

**STAFF going off sick at Walsall Manor Hospital has cost more than £360,000 in the space of just one month, figures have revealed.**

And the biggest reason workers were off was due to stress and anxiety-related illness. There were 4.56 per cent of workers off because they were ill at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust during September.

The cost relates to salary and benefits. However, health chiefs have said sickness absence has remained consistent compared to the previous month.

A report to the trust board which runs the hospital said: "Sickness for the past 12 months stands at 4.60 per cent, which is a 0.44 per cent increase when compared to the absence levels reported during the previous 12 months period."

"Monthly short-term sickness during September totalled an estimated cost of £159,000 and long-term sickness totalled an estimated cost of £201,000."

"Long-term sickness continues to be actively managed throughout the organisation. There were 134 long-term episodes of sickness during September. "The largest cause of

by Adam Burling

sickness during September was stress/anxiety related illness."

Ian Baines, director of finance and performance at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust said: "As an employer we recognise the importance of supporting staff to remain healthy to give the best care to patients and ensure that they are well and fit in the workplace."

"There are a number of resources in place to prevent sickness absence and also to support staff during absence. The trust has implemented a health and wellbeing strategy which focuses on proactive early interventions, support networks and different ways for staff to take responsibility for their own health."

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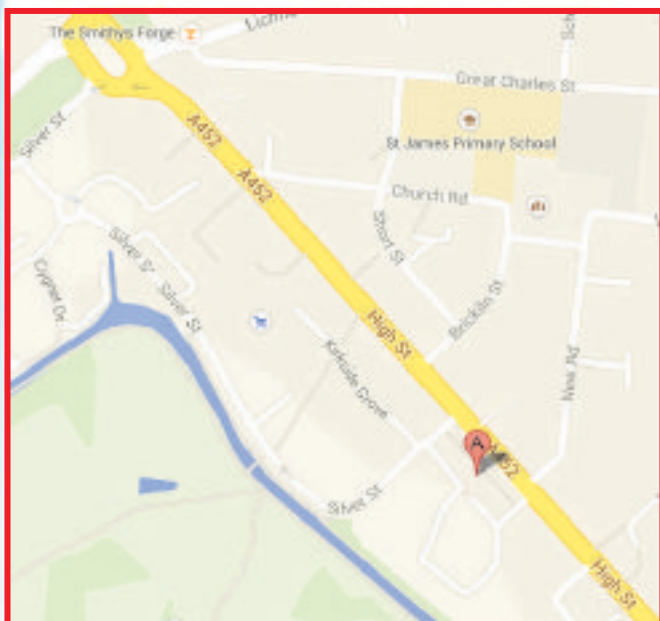


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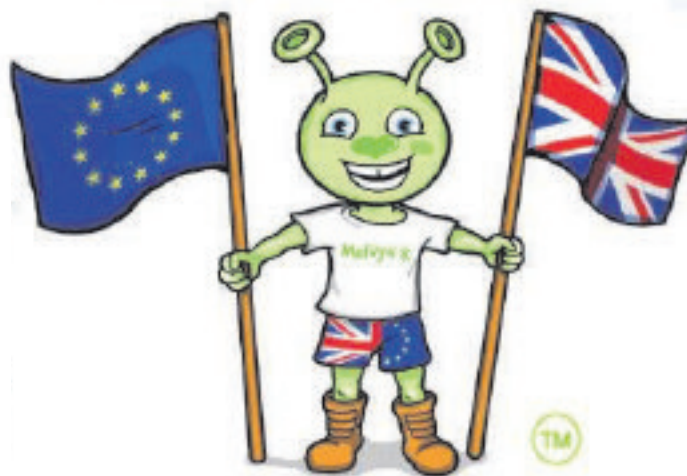
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# X-rated Cheryl is still Only Human

Reviews by Leon Burakowski

**CHERYL** has changed her surname so many times that it has apparently been dropped now that she has released her fourth album, **Only Human** (Polydor).

Never the strongest singer in Girls Aloud, her solo material has seldom lived up to her celebrity but she is getting things mostly right on **Only Human**, despite courting controversy with her liberal use of the f-word. We know she can do up-tempo dance-pop, I Don't (xxxxing) Care, the quirky Crazy Stupid Love (with guest Tinie Tempah) and frantic Firecracker (on the deluxe album) prove that. But this time she actually achieves a decent ballad the admittedly vocodered, title track.

Blending Philadelphia smooth disco with Bacharach-like pop sophistication, **Rumer** returns with an album of new material that lives up to the promise of her million-selling debut **Seasons of the Soul**. **Into Colour** (Atlantic Records), featuring the 70s sounding Dangerous, is a mellow album and well-crafted to appeal to fans of The Carpenters and Carly Simon.

**Jessie J** has finally broken big in America with Bang Bang, helped by guest Nicki Minaj. It is a stand-out track on her third album **Sweet Talker** (Lava) on which stateside R&B dominates her Essex girl pop. Other highlights include retro 80s club groove Seal Me With A Kiss (featuring De La Soul) and Burnin' Up. Lyrically Jessie seems obsessed with people who don't like her music. She's in concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on January 27.

American rock veteran singer-songwriter **Jackson Browne** takes a weary look at the world and gently urges



**Fourth album from singer and X Factor judge Cheryl Fernandez-Versini defiance to the friends of fracking and firearms on his 14th album **Standing In The Breach** (Inside Recordings). He is in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Monday, November 17.**

**Edwin Starr** was, until his death in 2003, the UK's favourite soul man thanks to his decision to leave the US to pursue his career in Britain, basing himself near Birmingham. His 1971 funk and soul album **Involved** has been remastered and reissued on CD by BBR. It includes his best known song, War, plus covers including Sly Stone's Stand and George Harrison's My Sweet Lord. The package includes 14 bonus tracks. Or experience Motown's rawest voice on the remastered reissue 1968 debut **Soul Master** including hits Agent Double-O-Soul, Stop Her On Sight, Headline News.



**After a Slow start, silky smooth-voiced Rumer has returned**

The bonus tracks include his Northern Soul classic Back Street. There are lots of Northern Soul compilations but if you want to dig a little deeper check out **Dancing By Myself: Lost In Northern Soul** for a plethora of vintage stompers. Raiding 60s soul vaults this 22-track CD from Cherry Red's Righteous label unearths gems such as The Five Royales' Catch That Teardrop and I Need You by the Van Dells. But Miss Orangatang by Lincoln Chase should probably have remained buried.

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**1.30 Film: Shell.** (2012) **3.05** **Hollyoaks** (R) **5.15** **Location, Location, Location.**

gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** The Gadget Show. Jon Bentley examines the best deals available for home TV, phone and broadband, and Jason Bradbury tests an underwater jetpack in one of the world's deepest swimming pools. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. A cluttered house in Cradley Heath, West Midlands. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40**

**2010) 11.15** *Rude Tube* **12.20** *The Interbankers* **1.30** *How I Met Your Mother* **2.25** *The Ricky Gervais Show* **3.55** *The 100* **4.40** *Make It or Break It*

**Film4**

**11.00** *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (2010) **1.00** *Hairspray* (2007) **3.25** *The War of the Worlds* (1953) **5.10** *Dark Star* (1974) **6.50** *The Time Traveler's Wife* (2009) **9.00** *Zombieland* (2009) **10.45** *Attack the Block* (2011) **12.30** *Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale* (2010) **2.10**

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**Ant and Dec**  
**I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** (ITV, 9pm)  
New series. A fresh batch of famous faces wave goodbye to their lives of luxury and set up camp in the Australian wilderness for up to three weeks, battling bugs and Bushtucker Trials, rations and rain, and heat and hunger, all in the name of entertainment. As ever, there are plenty of rumours about this year's line-up, with soon-to-be former Hollyoaks star Gemma Merna, Georgie Shore's Vicky Pattinson and Katie Price's cage-fighting ex Alex Reid among those tipped to be competing for the jungle crown. Ant and Dec follow the daily drama.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 1.45 Gareth's All Star Choir. (R) 2.45 Gareth's All Star Choir. (R) 3.45 Points of View. 4.00 Lefline. 4.10 Songs of Praise. 4.45 Life Story. (R) 5.45 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 6.15 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison visits Acton Scott, a working farm steeped in the ways of the past, to try her hand at some of the traditional skills people still practise today, including blacksmithing and making a cob oven with a group of children as they learn this skill. She also looks back through the Countryfile archive for other items about the crafts of the countryside, including Matt Baker learning about wheelwrighting and Helen Skelton making rakes. 7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman are at Blackpool Tower Ballroom to reveal which pairs are in the dance-off, with performances by Shirley Bassey and McBusted. 8.00 **Film: War Horse.** (2011) Premiere. A farmer's son forms a close bond with a horse he trains, but is forced to give the animal up when it is sold to the British army during the First World War. The horse passes through various owners on both sides as he travels across the battlefields of France, while the boy refuses to give up on being reunited. Steven Spielberg's drama based on Michael Morpurgo's book, starring Jeremy Irvine and Tom Hiddleston. 10.15 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather. 10.45 **Michael McIntyre's Showtime.** Stand-up comedy performed at the O2 in London during his 10-night run in 2012, featuring stories about a horrific trip to the dentist and watching his wife get undressed. (R) 11.45 **The Apprentice.** The entrepreneurs devise and sell their own board games, with one team coming up with a globetrotting game for the family and the other choosing something a little more risqué. (R) 12.45 **Film: Repo Chick.** (2009) 2.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.15 BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00 Life in a Cottage Garden** with Carol Klein. (R) 6.30 Great British Garden Revival. (R) 7.30 Countryfile. (R) 8.40 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.00 James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) 11.45 James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) 12.30 Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey. (R) 1.30 International Rugby Union. 2.25 **Film: Up Periscope.** (1959) 4.15 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) 5.00 Flog It! 6.00 **Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals.** Coverage of the singles final of the season-ending competition from the O2 in London, where Novak Djokovic has been victorious for the last two years. Coverage continues on BBC3. 7.00 **Human Universe.** Professor Brian Cox examines what the future holds for humanity, heading to Florida to learn about efforts to protect Earth from potential catastrophic events. Last in the series. (R) 8.00 **The Mekong River with Sue Perkins.** The comedienne witnesses how deforestation and wildlife crime are stripping Cambodia of its last wild places, and spends time with the women of the Krung tribe. 9.00 **World's Greatest Food Markets.** New series. Billingsgate fish merchant Roger Barton visits food markets around the globe, beginning at the New Fulton Fish Market in the Bronx, New York City. 10.00 **Russell Howard's Good News.** The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print, and he is joined by a guest with an amazing tale to tell. (R) 10.30 **The Wrong Mans.** A case of mistaken identity catapults two council employees into the middle of a deadly criminal conspiracy. Comedy thriller, with James Corden and Matthew Baynton. (R) 11.00 **The Wrong Mans.** Sam and Phil try to rescue Mr Stevens' wife. (R) 11.30 **Film: Regeneration.** (1997) A psychiatrist helping traumatised soldiers return to duty during the First World War treats poet Siegfried Sassoon. Drama, starring Jonathan Pryce. 1.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 2.35 Holby City. (R) 3.35 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) 7.20 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.25 Sooty. (R) 7.35 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.50 Ultimate Spider-Man. 8.15 Horrid Henry. 8.30 Big Time Rush. 9.00 The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.25 ITV News: Weather. 11.35 **Film: Carry On Cowboy.** (1966) 1.25 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 2.10 The Unforgettable Benny Hill. (R) 2.50 The X Factor. (R) 4.25 Downtown Abbey. (R) 6.00 **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill reveals what David Cameron gets up to behind the bins at Chequers, and why Lorraine Kelly is now testing Ross King's thongs. (R) 6.30 **Regional Programme:** Weather. 6.45 **ITV News:** Weather. 7.00 **Keep It in the Family.** Coronation Street stars Kym Marsh, Samia Ghadie, Antony Cotton, Brooke Vincent, Mikey North and Bruno Langley help contestants win big prizes. Bradley Walsh hosts. 8.00 **The X Factor Results.** Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has scored the lowest number of votes. 9.00 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** New series. A fresh batch of famous faces wave goodbye to their lives of luxury and set up camp in the Australian wilderness for up to three weeks, battling bugs and Bushtucker Trials, rations and rain, and heat and hunger, all in the name of entertainment. As ever, there are plenty of rumours about this year's line-up, with soon-to-be former Hollyoaks star Gemma Merna, Georgie Shore's Vicky Pattinson and Katie Price's cage-fighting ex Alex Reid among those tipped to be competing for the jungle crown. 10.40 **ITV News:** Weather. 10.55 **Broadroom.** Part two of two. The stories of patients who are preparing to move out of the psychiatric hospital into medium secure units – the first step on the road to rejoining the community. (R) 11.55 **Premiership Rugby Union.** 12.50 The Store. 2.20 Motorsport UK. 3.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 4.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 NFL:** The American Football Show. (R) 7.05 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.30 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. 12.55 The Big Bang Theory. 1.20 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Fontwell. 3.40 **Film: 17 Again.** (2009) Comedy, starring Matthew Perry and Zac Efron. 5.45 **Film: Mirror Mirror.** (2012) Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts. 7.40 **Channel 4 News.** 8.00 **Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorbike fan takes on the challenge of building the world's fastest soapbox racer in an attempt to set a new speed record using just the pull of gravity and a tarmac road. To get to grips with going blisteringly fast on a public road, Guy tries his hand at street luge with former global champion Helene Schmitz, before joining his team of engineers to explore the science of rolling resistance and the importance of tyre pressure. Armed with what they believe to be the perfect formula, they produce a unique soapbox cart inspired by Mother Nature and, after training with the Team GB women's bobsled pair, confidence is high – but are disaster and mayhem just around the corner? Last in the series. 9.00 **Homeland.** Carrie challenges a resentful Fara to show more commitment to their work, and puts her operation in motion – but as events reach a crucial point, there's a shock in store. CIA drama, starring Claire Danes, Rupert Friend, Mandy Patinkin and Nazzari Bonadi. 10.00 **Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game.** The cockney comedian performs to his home crowd at London's Hackney Empire, regaling his audience with tales of middle age, marriage and a man's prerogative. 11.40 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** The host is joined by Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis, who star in Horrible Bosses 2, and comedian Russell Howard. Singer-songwriter Lorde performs Yellow Flicker Beat. (R) 12.40 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.05 According to Jim. (R) 1.25 American Football Live. 4.45 **Film: Rush.** (2013) SuperScrimers. (R) 5.25 Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 6.35 Seaside Antics. 6.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.55 Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.05 Olly the Little White Van. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.35 Paw Patrol. 7.45 Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) 7.50 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Wanda and the Alien. 8.35 Zack and Quack. 8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.05 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.20 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.05 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.10 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.10 **Film: The Good Witch's Charm.** (2012) Drama sequel, starring Catherine Bell. 1.55 **Film: A Star for Christmas.** (2012) Festive drama, starring Briana Evigan. 3.40 **Film: Farewell Mr Kringle.** (2010) Christmas drama, with Christine Taylor. 5.25 **Film: Dumb and Dumber.** (1994) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels. 7.30 **5 News Weekend.** 7.40 **Film: Superman II.** (1980) The Man of Steel meets his match in the form of three fugitive villains from his home planet of Krypton. Flying down to Earth, the super-powered trio unleash a reign of terror in a bid to take over the world – but Superman is not there to stop them, having surrendered his powers to lead a normal life with his beloved Lois Lane. Comic-strip adventure sequel, with Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman, Terence Stamp and Margot Kidder. Edited for violence and language. 10.00 **Film: Conan the Barbarian.** (2011) A warrior seeks revenge on the warlord who killed his father, and tries to stop him magically making himself all-powerful. Fantasy adventure, with Jason Momoa and Stephen Lang. 12.15 **Film: Chaos.** (2005) A veteran cop and his inexperienced new partner take on the mysterious criminal masterminding a series of hi-tech heists. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham and Wesley Snipes. 2.05 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.10 **Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle.** An analysis of stories linked to the region in the north Atlantic. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
7.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. The singles final at the O2 in London. 9.00 Snow, Sex and Suspicious Parents 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Life Is Toff 11.15 **Film: Face/Off** (1997) 1.25 Sweat the Small Stuff 1.55 People Like Us 2.55 The Revolution Will Be Televised 3.25 Life Is Toff 3.55 Close  
**BBC Four**  
7.00 The Great War 7.40 Britain's Wild Places: The Sheep Between the Seaside 8.00 Congo Calling: An African Orchestra in Britain 9.00 Rosetta: A Sky at Night Special 10.00 Pop Go the Sixties 10.15 Mark Lawson Talks to Michael Morpurgo 11.15 Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music 12.15 Bob Harris: My Nashville 1.15 Brad Paisley and Friends 2.15 John Denver at Wembley Arena 2.55 Congo Calling: An African Orchestra in Britain 3.55 Close  
**ITV2**  
11.50 The X Factor 1.25 The Xtra Factor 2.30 **Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home** (1995) 4.25 **Film: King Kong** (2005) 8.00 Scorpion 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 You've Been Framed! 10.30 **McBusted: The Hot Desk** 10.40 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! 11.45 Educating Joey Essex: Reem Halloween 12.45 Two and a Half Men 1.30 Dads 1.55 The Vampire Diaries 2.40 Teleshopping 5.40 **ITV2 Nightscreen**  
**ITV3**  
11.55 Inspector Morse 2.00 Rosemary & Thyme 3.00 **Film: George and Mildred: The Movie** (1980) 4.55 **Film: Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm** (1973) 6.55 Inspector Morse 9.00 Lewis 11.00 William and Mary 1.05 Wycliffe 2.00 Judge Judy 2.45 World Kitchen 3.10 **ITV3 Nightscreen** 3.40 Emmerdale  
**ITV4**  
11.25 World Rally Championship Highlights 12.00 **Film: Rooster Cogburn** (1975) 2.10 **Film: The War Wagon** (1967) 4.15 **Film: Cheyenne Autumn** (1964) 7.25 Live International Football: Italy v Croatia (Kick-off 7.45pm) 10.00 Storage Wars 10.30 International Football Highlights 12.00 Life of Ryan: Caretaker Manager 1.00 River Monsters 2.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 3.00 Teleshopping  
**E4**  
12.30 Made in Chelsea 1.30 **Film: A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures** (2010) 3.15 Rudelish! Take Shorts 3.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 **Film: Avatar** (2009) 11.10 The Inbetweeners 12.15 Drifters 12.50 Bad Robots 1.25 Rules of Engagement 2.25 The Cleveland Show 3.35 Hollyoaks  
**Film4**  
11.00 The Rugrats Movie (1999) 1.00 Planet of the Apes (1968) 3.20 Titanic (1997) 7.05 Legend (1985) 9.00 Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) 11.05 Conan the Barbarian (1982) 1.40 House of Flying Daughters (2004) 4.00 Close

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Vietnamese Noodle Salad

Avocado, Feta & Slow Roasted Tomato Salad

Middle Eastern Hummus with fried Tortilla Bread

Tuna Salad with Green Beans

Asparagus, Bean and Pine Nut Salad

**Starters**

Pigs in Blankets

Vegetable Samosa

Chilli Garlic Prawns

Thai Chicken Wings with a Sticky Honey Dressing

Tandoori Lamb mince skewers

French Onion Soup

**Mains**

Traditional Roast Turkey with trimmings

Singapore Style Fried Rice

Roast Butternut Squash or Pumpkin

Chicken Casserole with Red Wine and Roasted Peppers

Chicken Tikka Masala

Sahi Paneer Korma

Orange Chicken

Tofu Pad Khing

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**MONDAY**

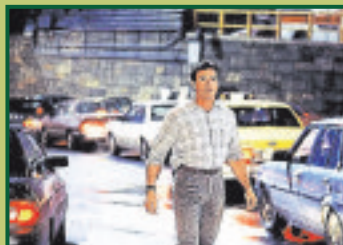
**Setup, Channel 5, 10.55pm**

A criminal takes part in a profitable diamond heist, only to be betrayed by his partner in crime who makes off with the loot. The aggrieved thief swears revenge on his former friend, and seeks the aid of a powerful Mob boss in getting revenge and taking back his ill-gotten gains. Crime thriller, with Bruce Willis, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson and Ryan Phillippe. (2011)

**TUESDAY**

**The Painted Veil, BBC1, 11.50pm**

An English doctor's wife in 1920s China has an affair with a politician. When her husband finds out, he plots revenge by forcing her to accompany him on a mercy mission to a remote disease-ravaged village – but the hardship of their journey gives them a new perspective on their relationship. Period drama based on W Somerset Maugham's novel, starring Edward Norton, Naomi Watts, Liev Schreiber and Toby Jones. (2006)



**Daylight, Friday, ITV, 11.15pm**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Obsessed, BBC1, 11.35pm**

An executive with a successful job and a happy family life finds his world crumbling around him when a temporary worker is assigned to his office. The new arrival becomes desperately fixated on him, going to desperate lengths to seduce him. When he rejects her, he and his wife find their lives in danger. Thriller, starring Idris Elba and Beyoncé Knowles. (2009)

**THURSDAY**

**Trading Christmas, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

Lonely widow Emily and frustrated writer Charles arrange to swap houses for the Christmas holidays, so she can visit her daughter and he can get some peace and quiet to work. However, both find themselves having unexpected romances when his brother and her friend make surprise visits and find the wrong person at home. Comedy, starring Faith Ford. (2011)

**FRIDAY**

**Daylight, ITV, 11.15pm**

A devastating explosion in the New Jersey Tunnel causes a horrific pile-up, trapping a group of motorists underground. A former emergency worker witnesses the blast and heads in to guide the handful of survivors to safety before the waters of the Hudson river above them break through and flood the tunnel. Disaster movie, starring Sylvester Stallone. (1996)

**PICK OF THE WEEK**

# Family matters to James as the search continues

James Nesbitt is hands down one of the best actors on television and has been for a while now.

Everything he puts his name to oozes quality and he has a range that takes some beating.

At a time when the idea of another legal, medical or police procedural drama makes us yawn, it can't be easy picking a credible role, but simply by being in *The Missing*, Nesbitt has made it fantastic television.

Of course, this particular drama is helped along no end by the fact that Nesbitt is joined by such a top-drawer cast, but Frances O'Connor, who plays Emily Hughes in the hard-hitting drama, couldn't speak more highly of her co-star.

She explains: "I love acting with Jimmy because he just brings it! Every time you do a scene, he steps up and really gives it a hundred per cent for you. I love all the choices he makes, he's great. We've had to do some really tricky scenes but he's been very supportive."

O'Connor isn't exaggerating when

she talks of those tricky scenes. With such a sensitive subject matter – a little boy going missing while on holiday in France – it's little wonder the nation has taken this eight-part drama into their hearts, and O'Connor didn't need much time to think about signing up to the part.

"I just loved these scripts – I thought they were brilliant," she explains. "I was sent two and wanted to read more because they're just such great page-turners. The other great thing about the scripts is that the dialogue is so real and psychologically so true. So when you're acting, you feel it's really rock solid in terms of character and it's very easy to believe in the story."

She continues: "Because I'm a mother, I instantly related to the story. I did a bit of research about what it's like for people whose children have gone missing but really I just had to use my imagination. It's every parent's worst nightmare so I found it pretty easy to access the emotions for it."

The actress seems to be drawn to complex, thought-provoking dramas

– when we last saw her in *Mr Selfridge*, her character Rose had announced she was dying – but she insists that the tricky subject areas are all brilliantly dealt with here thanks to the writing.

She says of *The Missing*: "The storytelling is really clever and really sharp which you can feel when you're playing it. There are multiple strands to the story which are very cleverly interwoven."

We reach the halfway mark tonight, and Oliver's disappearance continues to take its toll on James and Frances' characters. As we pay a visit to 2006, the case is thrown into disarray by a murder, and Tony (Nesbitt) is left horrified when someone who he thought was his friend is revealed not to be the person they claimed to be.

In the present day, Julien (Tcheky Karyo) is on a mission to reinvestigate the links between the dead witness and Oliver's disappearance, while raking over the past starts to take its toll on Emily (O'Connor) and her relationship with Mark (Jason Flemyng).



**James Nesbitt heads the cast of *The Missing*, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm**

## BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**

**24 Hours in Police Custody Channel 4, 9pm**

It's debatable whether this eye-opening series will have inspired many people to sign up to be a police officer, but it has shown the job is rarely dull – acting sergeant Wil Taylor describes his own typical shifts as 'unrelenting carnage'. It's easy to see why as in the last in the current series, he has to deal with crimes ranging from the theft of 98p's worth of a diet soft drink to joyriding in a 45-seater bus. But the most complicated case involves three sex workers who were arrested during a raid on a brothel. The cops have to establish whether the women are victims of trafficking, or if they are the ones guilty of exploitation. Meanwhile, we also get an insight into Wil's own remarkable story, revealing that although he's gone from being a sports-mad law student to a double amputee police officer, he's always been driven by a need to see justice done.

**Intruders BBC2, 9pm**

When the first episode of this supernatural thriller aired a few weeks ago, many viewers were unsure what was most unsettling – the general air of doom, the challenge of working out what exactly was going on, or John Simm's American accent. But now we've had a chance to adjust, we're

starting to be gripped by this tale of former LA cop Jack Whelan (Simm) and his quest to find out what really happened to his wife Amy (Mira Sorvino).

This week, it looks like the detective (and the audience) may start to get some answers as Gary confesses he's a lot more clued up on Bill Anderson's murder and research than he previously admitted – and then reveals a startling connection between Amy and Rose. Meanwhile, Madison begins making sense of Marcus's memories, and Frank grows more concerned over Richard, but could soon have some even bigger worries.

**TUESDAY**

**Madeleine McCann: A Global Obsession Channel 5, 7pm**

In May 2007, three-year-old Madeleine McCann went missing in the Portuguese resort of Praia da Luz. In this documentary, journalist Martin Frizell – who broke the story in the UK on GMTV – analyses the unprecedented campaign run by Kate and Gerry McCann to keep their daughter in the public eye. He traces both the positive and negative reactions that this crusade evoked and hears from the father of a seven-year-old

boy who went missing in 2003, but quickly disappeared from the national news.

**WEDNESDAY**

**The Apprentice BBC1, 9pm**

After a decade on the box, there was always a danger of this glorified job interview turning into a parody of itself. And that happened in no time, with comedians jumping at the chance of lampooning Alan Sugar and the endless supply of besuited, power-dressing wannabe apprentices. Little wonder the show runners wanted to shake things up a little this time, so the other week when Lord Sugar

fired not one but three contestants, Apprentice addicts were rocked to their core. So far in series 10, we've said goodbye to Chiles, Robert, Scott, Lindsay, Nurun, Steven, Sarah, Ella Jade and Gemma among others, so who knows how many will be kicked out in the latest edition?

**The Fall, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm**

**THURSDAY**

**The Fall BBC2, 9pm**

Jamie Dornan is a busy chap at the moment. As women around the world hold out for his much-anticipated performance as businessman Christian in *Fifty Shades of Grey*, we're lucky enough to be treated to his eerie portrayal of a serial killer in this Belfast-set Beeb drama in which he stars alongside Gillian Anderson. In tonight's instalment, his character Spector drives Rose Stagg away from her home in the middle of the night and warns her that he knows she went to the police. Rose going missing only serves to step up Gibson's headache a notch – she knows the pressure is now on her, as she is forced to face facts that it was her words that tipped Spector off about Rose.

**FRIDAY**

**Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild Channel 5, 9pm**

New series. The return of the programme in which Ben Fogle meets people who have moved to inhospitable parts of the world after leaving the rat race behind. He begins by travelling to the Namibian desert to spend time with 50-year-old Gideon David, who quit his career in life insurance to live in the largest conservation area in Africa.

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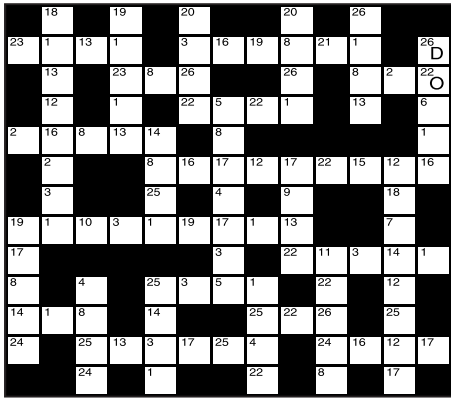
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

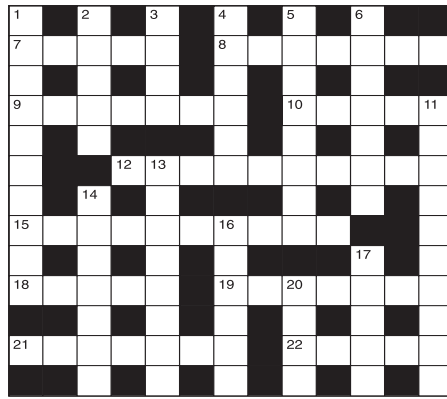
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- It's a chore producing pigment (5)
- Put clothes on again to put matters right (7)
- Arrived with many at King Arthur's seat (7)
- Groan about the gas (5)
- Sit to become a professor? (4,1,5)
- Is she unspeakably fair? (4,6)
- Towel thrown out for young bird (5)
- Suitor gets middle-headed about organised travel (7)
- Comply with 100 performing well (7)
- Explanation of superficial shine (5)

#### Down

- Make contact, then leave: it's critical (5-3-2)
- Mortify by writing bogus letter (5)
- Transaction in wood (4)
- Squirm at court order he produced (6)
- Made a loan at a higher level (8)
- He could turn out to be a genial big-head (7)
- A close shave for the illiberal spinster? (6,4)
- No one returns to the precincts to realise aspiration (8)
- A doctor catches fish at an easy pace (7)
- Note I'm being punctual (2,4)
- Turn four in the cooking vessel (5)
- Push into favour generally (4)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

- Perhaps (5)
- Faultless (7)
- Apart (7)
- Preclude (5)
- Pirate (10)
- Intentional (10)
- Send (5)
- Refined (7)
- Work (7)
- Wrong (5)

#### Down

- Envoy (10)
- Treacle (5)
- Repair (4)
- Thin (6)
- Erupt (5,3)
- Under (7)
- Wasteful (10)
- Refutation (8)
- Sleep (7)
- Rue (6)
- Deserve (5)
- Close (4)

## Sudoku

			8		9		6
6		8	1	9	6		
1				8	7	2	9
		8	6	4	5		7
	6			4	8	3	9
5		9	7		3	7	

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	2	4	1	9	5	8	6	3
5	6	1	2	8	3	4	9	7
9	3	8	6	4	7	2	5	1
1	8	9	7	5	6	3	2	4
2	5	6	3	1	4	7	8	9
4	7	3	9	2	8	6	1	5
6	4	5	8	3	9	1	7	2
8	9	2	4	7	1	5	3	6
3	1	7	5	6	2	9	4	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Safety-net; 8 One; 9 Play the host; 11 Balance; 12 Avail; 13 Inured; 15 Asides; 17 Error; 18 Pontoon; 20 Emerald isle; 22 Bar; 23 These days. Down: 2 All; 3 Titan; 4 Nieces; 5 Trojans; 6 Lots and lots; 7 Deadly sin; 10 All quarters; 11 Bride-to-be; 14 Earnest; 16 Opiate; 19 Nudge; 21 Lay. QUICK - Across: 1 Boomerang; 8 Ewe; 9 Observation; 11 Extreme; 12 Poser; 13 Filled; 15 Keep on; 17 Caper; 18 Explore; 20 Annihilated; 22 Arc; 23 Stratagem. Down: 2 Orb; 3 Eerie; 4 Awaken; 5 Glimpse; 6 Lend support; 7 Deference; 10 Sets in place; 11 Effectual; 14 Errands; 16 Tether; 19 Plot; 21 Eye.

## Quiz

- To which family of birds does the bittern belong?
- In which religion is Brahma the creator god?
- Which architect laid out Covent Garden?
- What was the first major sound film?
- What do Americans call eggplant?
- Who played the sleuthing wife in the Thin Man films?
- Which ideal state is named from the Greek for 'no place'?
- Which river has Lake Tana as its source?
- Which French king was married to Marie Antoinette?
- Which organ is stimulated by the drug digitalis?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 1776; 2 Danny Blanchflower; 3

Pacific; 4 Roman Abramovich; 5 George V;

6 15; 7 Robin; 8 Holland; 9 Isle of Wight; 10

Fugue.

Niner: COALMINER

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

9853 gives a bird,  
4266 gives another bird,  
151773 gives a monkey.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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- Fitted Kitchen
- En Suite To Master Bedroom

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- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazed
- Central Heating
- Must Be Viewed

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- Double Glazed
- Advanced Heating System
- Must Be Viewed
- En Suite To Master Bedroom

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### Old Birchills Walsall **NEW**



- New Build Property - Recently Constructed
  - Well Appointed Throughout
  - Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
  - Lounge & Fitted Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: £130,000**

### Walhouse Road Walsall **REDUCED**



- Immaculate End Terrace Property
  - Three Large Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
  - Principle Reception Room & Cellar
  - Spacious Family Accommodation, Modern Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: £210,000**

### Walstead Road Walsall



- Extended Four Bedroom Semi Detached Property
  - L-Shaped Lounge & Dining Area
  - Sitting Room & Modern Kitchen
  - EPC Rating D, Utility Room & Guest WC
- OFFERS AROUND: £230,000**

### Kent Avenue Walsall



- Traditional Semi Detached Property
  - Three Bedroom & Family Bathroom
  - Through Lounge Incorporating Dining Area
  - Energy Rating C, Modern Extended Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: £150,000**

### Drayton Street Walsall



- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
  - No Upward Chain!
  - Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
  - EPC Rating E, Reception Hall
- OFFERS AROUND: £115,000**

### Bentley Drive Walsall



- Semi Detached Property
  - Three Bedrooms
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Corner Position & No Chain, Kitchen & Utility Room
- OFFERS AROUND: £129,950**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**



**Hawkswell Drive**  
60 Hawkswell Drive Willenhall West Midlands WV13 3EJ.  
We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £95,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. EPC Rating E.

### Orslow Walk Wolverhampton **REDUCED**



- 4 Bedroom end terrace
  - No upward chain
  - Entrance porch
  - Lounge
- OFFERS AROUND: £70,000**

### Newbridge Crescent Wolverhampton **REDUCED**



- 4 Bedroom Detached House
  - 2 Double Bedrooms
  - 2 Reception rooms
  - Modern fitted kitchen
  - Downstairs wc
- OFFERS AROUND: £329,995**

### Farmhouse Road Willenhall **NEW**



- 2 Bedroom flat
  - Entrance Porch and Hallway
  - Double Glazing
  - Fitted Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: £65,000**

### Lowbridge Walk Bilston



- 2 Bedroom
  - Modern Kitchen
  - Lounge
  - EPC Rating C, Modern Bathroom
- OFFERS AROUND: £79,950**

### Parklands Road Bilston



- 3 Bedroom Detached House
  - Lounge/Diner
  - Breakfast Kitchen
  - Three Bedrooms
  - Downstairs wc - Potential Utility
- OFFERS AROUND: £149,950**

### Castlevue Road Bilston



- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen
  - Driveway
- OFFERS AROUND: £105,000**

### Tryon Place Bilston



- 3 Bed Semi-detached
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen/Diner
  - Down Stairs WC
- OFFERS AROUND: £98,000**

### Joynson Street Wednesbury



- Traditional Semi Detached Property
  - Two Double Bedrooms
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - EPC Rating D, Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: £75,000**

### Brunswick Park Road Wednesbury



- End Terrace Property
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Energy Rating E, Re-fitted Modern Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: £105,000**

### Goldby Drive Wednesbury



- Upper Floor Apartment
  - Spacious Accommodation
  - Two Bedrooms
  - EPC Rating - C, Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: £79,950**

### Lakeside Road West Bromwich **NEW**



- Semi Detached Property
  - Lounge/Diner
  - Downstairs Bathroom
  - Energy Rating, Off Street Parking
- OFFERS AROUND: £90,000**

### Old Meeting Street West Bromwich **NEW**



- First Floor Apartment
  - Two Double Bedrooms
  - Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
  - Energy Rating, Security Intercom System
- OFFERS AROUND: £75,000**

### Lyndhurst Road West Bromwich **NEW**



- Semi Detached Property
  - Popular Residential Location
  - Three Bedrooms
  - Energy Rating TBC, Upstairs Bathroom
- OFFERS AROUND: £145,000**

### Rayford Drive West Bromwich **NEW**



- Semi Detached Property
  - Three Bedrooms
  - Upstairs Bathroom
  - Energy Rating TBC, Offering Tremendous Potential
- OFFERS AROUND: £125,000**

### Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich **NEW**



- Extended Semi Detached Property
  - Sought After Residential Location
  - Superb Upstairs Bathroom
  - Energy Rating, Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: £190,000**

### Westmead Drive Oldbury **REDUCED**



- Substantial Detached Property
  - Six Upstairs Bedrooms
  - Two Family Bathrooms
  - Energy Rating D, 30ft Through Lounge
- OFFERS AROUND: £314,950**

### Hydes Road West Bromwich **REDUCED**



- Semi Detached Property
  - Three Bedrooms
  - Extended Kitchen
  - Energy Rating TBC, Two Reception Rooms
- OFFERS AROUND: £139,999**

### Jowetts Lane West Bromwich **REDUCED**



- Extended End Terrace
  - Three Reception Rooms
  - Upstairs Bathroom
  - Energy Rating C, Extended Kitchen
- Viewing: £110,000**

### The Broadway West Bromwich **REDUCED**



- Traditional Semi Detached Property
  - Extended Kitchen
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Energy Rating TBC, Popular Residential Location
- OFFERS AROUND: £120,000**

### Heath Lane West Bromwich



- Semi Detached Property
  - Two Double Bedrooms
  - Upstairs Bathroom
  - Off Street Parking
- OFFERS AROUND: £116,000**

### Dagger Lane West Bromwich



- Deceptively Spacious Terrace
  - Sought After Location
  - Upstairs Bathroom
  - Energy Rating F, Two Reception Rooms
- OFFERS AROUND: £110,000**

### Emily Street West Bromwich



- Well Presented Terrace Property
  - Two Double Bedrooms
  - Upstairs Bathroom
  - Energy Rating TBC, Downstairs Bathroom
- OFFERS AROUND: £92,000**

### Creed Way West Bromwich



- Town Centre Location
  - Two Double Bedrooms
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Energy Rating B, Double Glazed Windows
- OFFERS AROUND: £84,950**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**



**St Marks Road**  
171 Greenlams, St Marks Road, DY4 0SU. We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £28,500. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts. Agents Address: 73 Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7HF. EPC C

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**



**Scott Street**  
Paul Dubberley Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £196,100 for 67 Scott Street, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7AF. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Paul Dubberley Estate Agents, 73 Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7HF. 0121 522 3733 before exchange of contracts.

### Cophall Street Tipton



- Immaculate Spacious Family Home
  - Upvc Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating
  - Viewing Highly Recommended
  - epc C, Porch - Reception Hall
- OFFERS AROUND: £117,500**

### Newells Drive Tipton



- Modern Semi Detached
  - Upvc Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating
  - Quiet Cul De Sac Location
  - epc C, Porch - Reception Hall
- OFFERS AROUND: £118,995**

### Horseley Road Tipton



- Middle Terrace
  - upvc double glazing - gas central heating
  - loft conversion
  - epc D, reception hall - cellar
- OFFERS AROUND: £80,000**

### Horseley Road Tipton



- Traditional detached bungalow
  - Upvc double glazing - gas central heating
  - Improved internal accommodation
  - Epc rating D, Porch
- OFFERS AROUND: £119,950**

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- No Chain

**£240,000**

### MANAGER'S CHOICE



**WILLENHALL**  
**DARVEL ROAD (OFF STROUD AV)**

- Much improved modern semi detached
- Popular Location
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge with dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Driveway
- Front and rear gardens

**£130,000**

### PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



**WILLENHALL**  
**CEDAR ROAD**

- Well Presented Semi Detached Bungalow in Popular Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended
- No Upward Chain

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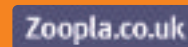
<p><b>NEW</b> <b>EPC TBC</b></p> <p><b>ESSINGTON</b> <b>WALDEALE CLOSE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exceptional Extended Link Detached</li> <li>● Popular Cul-de-sac Location</li> <li>● Lounge ● Dining room</li> <li>● Superb refitted kitchen</li> <li>● Utility and wc ● Study</li> <li>● 3 bedrooms ● Refitted bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating ● Double glazing</li> <li>● Block paved driveway ● Garage</li> <li>● Delightful front and rear gardens</li> </ul> <p><b>£199,500</b></p>	<p><b>NEW</b> <b>EPC TBC</b></p> <p><b>COPPICE FARM</b> <b>LONG MYND CLOSE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Impeccably Appointed Detached Property</li> <li>● Lounge</li> <li>● Superb Conservatory</li> <li>● Fitted Kitchen</li> <li>● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom</li> <li>● Re-Fitted En-Suite</li> <li>● Integral Garage</li> <li>● Block Paved Driveway</li> <li>● Delightful Rear Gardens</li> </ul> <p><b>£195,000</b></p>	<p><b>REDUCED</b> <b>EPC D</b></p> <p><b>COPPICE FARM</b> <b>GRAZEWOOD CLOSE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Extended Modern Detached</li> <li>● Highly Sought After Location</li> <li>● Three Bedrooms</li> <li>● Lounge ● Dining Room</li> <li>● Conservatory ● Kitchen</li> <li>● Utility with WC</li> <li>● Garage ● Driveway</li> <li>● Further Rear Driveway</li> <li>● Gardens ● Bathroom</li> </ul> <p><b>£169,995</b></p>	<p><b>NO CHAIN</b> <b>EPC D</b></p> <p><b>SNEYD PARK</b> <b>KEWSTOKE ROAD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Superb Much Improved Semi Detached ● No Chain</li> <li>● Spacious Lounge ● Dining Kitchen</li> <li>● Large Conservatory</li> <li>● Utility with WC</li> <li>● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom</li> <li>● Double Glazing ● Gas CH</li> <li>● Garage ● Block Paved Driveway</li> <li>● Rear Gardens</li> </ul> <p><b>OFFERS OVER £152,000</b></p>	<p><b>NO CHAIN</b> <b>EPC D</b></p> <p><b>COPPICE FARM</b> <b>COPPICE FARM WAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Extended Modern Style Semi Detached</li> <li>● Lounge ● Dining Kitchen</li> <li>● Three Good Size Bedrooms</li> <li>● Bathroom</li> <li>● Double Glazing</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating</li> <li>● Tardem Garage ● Drive</li> <li>● Rear Gardens</li> <li>● No Chain</li> </ul> <p><b>£145,000</b></p>	<p><b>NEW</b> <b>EPC TBC</b></p> <p><b>ASHMORE PARK</b> <b>GRIFFITHS DRIVE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Well appointed spacious semi detached</li> <li>● Three good size bedrooms</li> <li>● Lounge</li> <li>● Refitted 19ft dining kitchen</li> <li>● Separate utility</li> <li>● First floor bathroom</li> <li>● Gardens to front and rear</li> <li>● Double garage to the rear</li> <li>● No upward chain</li> </ul> <p><b>£124,995</b></p>	<p><b>NO CHAIN</b> <b>EPC D</b></p> <p><b>COPPICE FARM</b> <b>GOREY CLOSE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Extended modern style semi detached property</li> <li>● Popular cul-de-sac location</li> <li>● Two bedrooms</li> <li>● Lounge</li> <li>● Kitchen ● Utility</li> <li>● Bathroom</li> <li>● Double glazing ● Gas CH</li> <li>● Rear gardens ● Driveway</li> </ul> <p><b>£122,500</b></p>	<p><b>REDUCED</b> <b>EPC E</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL</b> <b>ASTON RAD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Traditional style detached property</li> <li>● Hall</li> <li>● Lounge ● Dining room</li> <li>● Kitchen</li> <li>● Three bedrooms</li> <li>● Shower Room</li> <li>● Large Front &amp; Rear Gardens</li> <li>● No chain</li> <li>● Majority double glazing</li> </ul> <p><b>£115,000</b></p>
<p><b>THREE BEDROOMS</b> <b>EPC E</b></p> <p><b>SHORT HEATH</b> <b>TENNYSON ROAD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Impressive End Terrace Property</li> <li>● Hall ● Lounge</li> <li>● Re-Fitted Kitchen</li> <li>● Utility with WC</li> <li>● Three Good Size Bedrooms</li> <li>● Re-Fitted Shower Room</li> <li>● Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating</li> <li>● Gas central heating ● Double glazing</li> <li>● Block paved Rear Gardens</li> <li>● Block Paved Driveway</li> </ul> <p><b>£115,000</b></p>	<p><b>THREE BEDROOMS</b> <b>EPC E</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL</b> <b>CHILTERN DRIVE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Modern Mid Town House</li> <li>● Three Bedrooms</li> <li>● Lounge</li> <li>● Dining Kitchen</li> <li>● Conservatory</li> <li>● Bathroom</li> <li>● Double Glazing</li> <li>● Driveway</li> <li>● Rear Gardens</li> </ul> <p><b>£108,950</b></p>	<p><b>REDUCED</b> <b>EPC D</b></p> <p><b>BENTLEY</b> <b>POPLAR AVENUE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Semi detached property in popular location with no chain</li> <li>● Two double bedrooms</li> <li>● Lounge</li> <li>● Dining kitchen</li> <li>● Conservatory</li> <li>● Double glazing ● Gas central heating</li> <li>● Garage to the rear</li> <li>● Front and rear gardens</li> </ul> <p><b>£94,950</b></p>	<p><b>NO CHAIN</b> <b>EPC C</b></p> <p><b>SHORT HEATH</b> <b>SOUTHEY CLOSE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Much Improved Mid Terrace Property</li> <li>● No Chain</li> <li>● Hall</li> <li>● Through Lounge</li> <li>● Re-Fitted Kitchen</li> <li>● Two Double Bedrooms</li> <li>● Re-Fitted Bathroom</li> <li>● Front &amp; Rear Gardens</li> <li>● Viewing Recommended</li> </ul> <p><b>£89,950</b></p>	<p><b>THREE BEDROOMS</b> <b>EPC E</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL</b> <b>CLOTHIER STREET</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mid Terrace Property</li> <li>● Three Bedrooms</li> <li>● Fitted Kitchen</li> <li>● Lounge</li> <li>● Shower Room</li> <li>● Double Glazing</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating</li> <li>● Gated Driveway</li> <li>● Rear Gardens</li> </ul> <p><b>£88,000</b></p>	<p><b>NO CHAIN</b> <b>EPC D</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL</b> <b>ALBION ROAD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Period Mid Terrace in Convenient Location</li> <li>● Lounge ● Dining Room</li> <li>● Two Bedrooms</li> <li>● Large Re-Fitted Bathroom</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating</li> <li>● Rear Gardens</li> <li>● No Chain</li> </ul> <p><b>£79,950</b></p>	<p><b>REDUCED</b> <b>EPC E</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL</b> <b>GIPSY LANE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Traditional mid terraced property</li> <li>● Lounge and dining room</li> <li>● Kitchen</li> <li>● Ground floor bathroom</li> <li>● Two double bedrooms</li> <li>● First floor shower room</li> <li>● Double glazing</li> <li>● Gas central heating</li> <li>● No chain</li> </ul> <p><b>£74,950</b></p>	<p><b>NO CHAIN</b> <b>EPC C</b></p> <p><b>NEW INVENTION</b> <b>SQUIRES GROVE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Well presented second floor flat</li> <li>● Two bedrooms</li> <li>● Large lounge with dining area</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen</li> <li>● En-suite</li> <li>● Bathroom ● Double glazing</li> <li>● Allocated parking space</li> <li>● Possibility to be a Higher %</li> <li>● No chain</li> </ul> <p><b>FOR 40% OWNERSHIP £37,000</b></p>

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### STAR BUY!



**WALSALL**  
**WEST BROMWICH ROAD**

- Considerably improved end terraced
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Superb bathroom
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Garden to the rear
- Viewing recommended

**£99,950 OFFERS**

### MANAGERS CHOICE!



**BLOXWICH**  
**SELMANS HILL**

- Imposing extended traditional style detached
- Offering spacious family living accommodation
- Must be viewed to be fully appreciated
- Four bedroom
- Two reception rooms
- Tandem garage
- No upward chain
- Viewing via agent!!

**£275,000 OFFERS**

### PROPERTY OF THE WEEK!



**BLOXWICH**  
**HARRISON STREET**

- Superbly appointed end terraced family home
- Situated close to bloxwich high street
- Three double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Impressive bathroom
- Internal viewing strongly recommended!

**£125,000 OFFERS OVER**

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 <b>ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Extended traditional style semi-detached property with local countryside to the rear</li> <li>● Gas central heating</li> <li>● Upvc double glazing</li> <li>● Two reception rooms</li> <li>● Three bedrooms</li> <li>● Bathroom and shower room</li> <li>● No chain, viewing via agent!!</li> </ul> <b>£190,000 OFFERS</b>	 <b>BLOXWICH AMBERGATE CLOSE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Much improved semi detached property</li> <li>● Three bedrooms</li> <li>● Fitted bathroom</li> <li>● Gas CH &amp; double Glazing</li> <li>● Superb refitted kitchen/diner</li> <li>● Attractive front lounge</li> <li>● Study/potential utility room and w.c.</li> <li>● Established rear garden</li> <li>● Off road parking</li> </ul> <b>£169,950 OFFERS</b>	 <b>BLOXWICH WETHERBY ROAD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Modern style semi detached property</li> <li>● Pleasantly positioned with open front aspect</li> <li>● Gas central heating</li> <li>● Upvc double glazed windows</li> <li>● Garage currently used as study</li> <li>● Utility and w.c.</li> <li>● Three bedrooms</li> <li>● Popular turnberry rd location</li> </ul> <b>£159,950 OFFERS</b>	 <b>BLOXWICH BROAD LANE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Much improved semi detached property</li> <li>● Extended to the rear and side elevations</li> <li>● Popular Broad Lane location</li> <li>● Four bedrooms</li> <li>● Two reception rooms</li> <li>● Bathroom and shower room</li> <li>● Detached garage</li> <li>● Block paved driveway</li> </ul> <b>£184,950 OFFERS</b>	 <b>REEDSWOOD, WALSALL BENTLEY DRIVE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pleasantly appointed deceptively spacious semi detached property</li> <li>● Two double bedrooms</li> <li>● Two reception rooms</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Fitted bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Gas central heating and upvc double glazed windows</li> <li>● Lovely established rear garden</li> </ul> <b>£120,000 OFFERS</b>	 <b>WALSALL FOSTER STREET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Well maintained end town house style property</li> <li>● Three bedrooms</li> <li>● Re-fitted kitchen with oven and hob</li> <li>● Downstairs w.c.</li> <li>● Upstairs bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Detached garage &amp; off road parking</li> <li>● UPVC double glazing &amp; Gas central heating</li> </ul> <b>£87,950 OFFERS</b>	 <b>WALSALL BELL TOWER CLOSE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pleasant modern style town house</li> <li>● Four bedrooms</li> <li>● En-suite shower room</li> <li>● Spacious rear lounge</li> <li>● Gas central heating</li> <li>● Upvc double glazing</li> <li>● Garage</li> <li>● Off road parking</li> <li>● Cul-de-sac location</li> </ul> <b>£149,950 OFFERS</b>	 <b>BLOXWICH BROAD LANE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Three bedroom town house style property</li> <li>● Lounge</li> <li>● Gas central heating</li> <li>● Double glazing</li> <li>● Popular location</li> <li>● Off road parking</li> <li>● Generous rear garden</li> </ul> <b>£94,950 OFFERS</b>
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 <b>DUDLEY FIELDS, BLOXWICH CENTRAL DRIVE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pleasant semi detached property</li> <li>● Gas central heated</li> <li>● Upvc double glazed windows</li> <li>● Three bedrooms</li> <li>● Two reception rooms</li> <li>● Generous rear garden</li> <li>● Off road parking</li> <li>● No upward chain!</li> </ul> <b>£110,000 OFFERS</b>	 <b>PELSALL OLD TOWN LANE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Charming character Victorian style end terraced property conveniently situated near to Pelsall Village centre</li> <li>● Ideal first time purchase</li> <li>● Two bedrooms</li> <li>● Gas central heating</li> <li>● Upvc double glazed windows</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen with oven and hob</li> </ul> <b>OFFERS OVER £130,000</b>	 <b>BLOXWICH ODELL ROAD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Town house style property situated in popular and convenient location</li> <li>● Three bedrooms</li> <li>● Two reception rooms</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Gas central heating &amp; upvc double glazed windows</li> <li>● Pleasant rear garden</li> </ul> <b>£99,950 OFFERS</b>	 <b>LEAMORE COPE STREET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● End terraced style property conveniently located with good links to Bloxwich and Walsall town centres</li> <li>● Three bedrooms</li> <li>● Gas central heating system</li> <li>● Upvc double glazing</li> <li>● Two reception rooms</li> <li>● Kitchen and bathroom</li> <li>● Garden to the rear</li> </ul> <b>£72,500</b>	 <b>LEAMORE, WALSALL BEATRICE STREET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Town house style property conveniently located near to green lane, walsall</li> <li>● Three bedrooms</li> <li>● Upstairs bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Front and rear gardens</li> <li>● Gas central heating and upvc double glazed windows</li> <li>● Ideal first time purchase</li> <li>● Internal viewing recommended!</li> </ul> <b>£84,950 OFFERS</b>	 <b>REEDSWOOD, WALSALL CONWY CLOSE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ideal first time purchase</li> <li>● Very nice two bedroom modern property convenient for m6 motorway links</li> <li>● Gas central heating</li> <li>● Upvc double glazed windows</li> <li>● 18ft rear lounge with french doors</li> <li>● First floor bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Parking at the fore</li> <li>● Internal viewing a must!!!</li> </ul> <b>£110,000 OFFERS</b>	 <b>LEAMORE, WALSALL EAGLEWORKS DRIVE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Well presented modern style ground floor apartment with private entrance</li> <li>● Two bedrooms</li> <li>● Open plan living space &amp; kitchen</li> <li>● Catted allocated parking</li> <li>● Ideal first time purchase!</li> </ul> <b>£49,950 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP</b>	 <b>NOTICE OF OFFER GLASTONBURY CRESCENT</b> <p>Skitts Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum £74,000 for 198 Glastonbury Crescent, Walsall, WS3 5RH</p> <p>Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Skitts Estate Agents 3 Queens Parade, Bloxwich, WS3 2EX on 01922 478104 before exchange of contracts</p> <b>£74,950</b>
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29 Yew Tree Lane, Tettenhall, WV6 8UG	10:00am	10:00am
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- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- In need of renovation/improvement
- Potential for extension (subject to planning permission)
- EPC rating 43

Guide price £220,000 to £240,000

**LOT 2**

6 BROCTON CLOSE, BLOXWICH

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Mid terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Ideal buy to let
- EPC rating 71

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LAND ADJ. 39 WATTFIELD CLOSE, BRERETON

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Individual building plot
- With benefit of planning permission to erect an individual detached two bedroomed house

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**LOT 4**

11 PENDLE HILL, HEDNESFORD

LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Part double glazed
- In need of improvement/refurbishment
- EPC rating 30

**LOT 5**

54 NEW PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Detached house of character
- Three bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating (Not tested)
- Pre dominantly double glazed
- In need of improvement/refurbishment/redevelopment
- Located in much sought after residential area of the town

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LAND OPP TRENT VALLEY TRADING ESTATE

With frontage to A51 Rugeley, Postcode of Trent Valley Trading Estate WS15 2HQ

- FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Paddock with frontage to the River Trent
- Area 2.60 Acres or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £30,000/35,000

**LOT 7**

LAND ADJ. THE SUMMER HOUSE INN

Plot 1, County Lane, Bonningale, Albrighton (Postcode Of The Summer House WV7 3AT)

- FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Paddock extending to approximately
- 2.90 Acres or thereabouts.

GUIDE PRICE £30,000/£35,000

**LOT 8**

LAND ADJ. THE SUMMERHOUSE INN

Plot 2, County Lane, Bonningale, Albrighton (Postcode Of The Summer House WV7 3AT)

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- Semi detached family home situated on corner plot
- Kitchen diner
- Utility area
- Three bedrooms
- First floor family bathroom
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Detached garage & off road Parking
- Council Tax Band 'A'

**£550 PCM**

**NEW**

**SQUIRES GROVE  
NEW INVENTION**

- Well presented modern style first floor apartment
- Two bedrooms with built in storage
- Master with en-suite
- Bathroom
- Modern style kitchen
- Storage heating
- Double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Council Tax band 'B'

**£545 PCM**

**REDUCED**

**CROXDENE AVENUE  
BLOXWICH**

- Semi detached property
- Porch
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Newly refitted kitchen
- Newly refitted bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed

**£500 PCM**

**NEW**

**HARRISON STREET  
BLOXWICH**

- Beautifully presented traditional mid terraced property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with roll top bath
- Period Features & Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Pleasant rear garden
- Council tax band 'B'

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- Back To Back End Town House
- Cul De Sac Location
- Lounge & Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Double Glazing

**£395 PCM**

**EPC: C**

**ASTBURY CLOSE  
BLOXWICH**

- Smart modern town house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central & double glazed
- Fitted kitchen including oven & hob
- Bathroom with shower

**£525 PCM**

**EPC: D**

**MOSELEY ROAD  
WILLENHALL**

- Detached family home
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC d/glazing & c/ heating
- Rear garden
- Garage & off road parking

**£600 PCM**

**EPC: D**

**STOWE STREET  
BLOXWICH**

- Second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Newly carpeted & decorated throughout
- Majority double glazed
- Central heating
- Council tax band 'A'

**£425 PCM**

**EPC: D**

**BENTLEY LANE  
WALSALL**

- Pleasantly appointed mid terraced style property
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom

**£400 PCM**

**EPC: B**

**PRINCETHORPE RD  
WILLENHALL**

- Modern style mid town house
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Enclosed rear garden
- Central heating & double glazed
- Off road parking

**£575 PCM**

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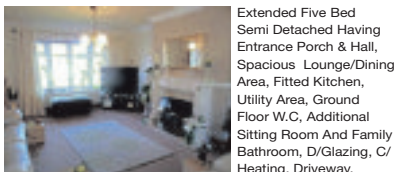
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£125,000

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FOR SALE



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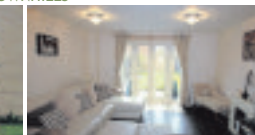
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- Entrance Hall, Lounge Diner, Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom

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### Bosty Lane ALDRIDGE



- Three bed semi detached
- Gas central heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen Diner
- Conservatory, Family Bathroom

£130,000

### Deakin Avenue BROWNHILLS



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- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom

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### Chester Road North BROWNHILLS



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- Popular Brownhills Location
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

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  - BREAKFAST KITCHEN
  - GUEST W.C.
  - LOUNGE/DINER
  - MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE

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  - Front & Rear Gardens

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  - Lounge
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  - Gas Central Heating
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  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Family Bathroom
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - DHSS Accepted

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# Hot hatch is a crazy riot but look out for fireworks being lit up

By Matt Joy

Take one Fiat 500, add a crazy turbocharged engine, spicy bodykit and wait for the fireworks Fiat's evergreen 500 has been turned into a fire-breathing hot hatch before by legendary firm Abarth, but the latest version is now a permanent addition to the range. Available in semi-sensible Turismo or the 100 per cent barmy Competizione guise tested here, the Abarth 500 is not for the faint of heart.

There's a turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol unit up front that offers a healthy 158bhp but more significantly 170lb.ft of torque. The exterior wears a seriously tough bodykit and gorgeous alloy wheel options, while there's stiffer suspension and uprated brakes too. There's some interesting touches inside too, such as the attractive metal-topped gearlever.

It's hard not to love the Abarth 500's looks, even though from some angles it is almost comically pumped up.

From a rational point of view, it has the proportions of a roller-skate, with a short wheelbase, big wheels and a minimal ride height, but it just makes you want to get in and drive it.

Any notion that the standard 500 is a car 'just for girls' is dismissed in a flash when it's turned into an Abarth. Those in the know recognise the badge and those that don't are intrigued.

Don't forget that the Abarth is still a city car, however much its transformation has rendered it better suited to the open road.

## Suited

So up front there is a respectable amount of space for adults but the driving position is better suited to those under six feet in height. In the rear it's kids or adults who are willing, rather than pure luxury.

This particular 595 had the optional leather bucket seats, which are terrifically supportive and look superb. In fact it's very easy to be carried away with the options list, especially when the end result is so much fun.

Drive the 595 in the manner it deserves and you'll revel in the gloriously torquey engine, the hilariously raucous exhaust note and the way in which it dives into bends with limitless enthusiasm.

It's a car that works best when you chuck it about rather than use a delicate hand. Do so and it's a complete riot, as well as remarkably quick.

Turn down the wick and it's a little more like hard work. The great handling comes from the stiff suspension which means bumps are

There's actually quite a bit of competition at this price level, and on the one hand the 595 Competizione is far from cheap.

However, it does come with a lot of kit too; items like Xenon headlights and the glorious exhaust system are all standard.

Go mad with the options list and you can break the £20k mark.

Who would buy one? If you can live with the ride quality then the urbangirl about town, who wants a 500 more stylish than anyone else, would be very happy with the Abarth 595 – although they might prefer the Turismomodel. The other ideal buyer for the 595 is anyone who wants a small weekend toy to blast away the cobwebs that can also be used in normal circumstances, at least some of the time.

This car summed up in one word: Unhinged

If this car was a cocktail: It would be banned immediately for being way too addictive

## TESTED

Abarth 595 Competizione, £18,315

Engine: 1.4-litre unit producing 158bhp and 170lb/ft of torque

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Michael Casey, general manager at Stourbridge Motor House, explains: "Autumn and winter bring a wealth of

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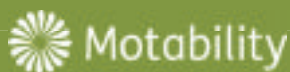
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The pack, which comes in a Vauxhall branded bag, contains Autoglym De-Icer, a wind-up torch, a foldable shovel, a high visibility jacket and ice scraper.

In addition to the Winter Safety Check, Stourbridge Motor House is also reminding drivers who own a Vauxhall vehicle aged over two years that they could save up to 25 per cent off servicing and repairs and get half price MOTs when they join the free Vauxhall MasterFit Service Club.

Michael Casey concludes: "The Vauxhall MasterFit Service Club is a great way for owners to take care of their car for less and be assured that their Vauxhall is in the best possible hands with the people who know it best."

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## Tom’s Welsh standby ‘surreal’

WALSALL striker Tom Bradshaw has described being placed on standby for the senior Wales squad as “quite surreal”.

Just as he was during the last round of Euro 2016 qualifiers, the 22-year-old has again been included on the standby list by Chris Coleman, ahead of the game with Belgium later this month.

Bradshaw, who has represented Wales at both under-19 and under-21 level, has made no secret of his desire to one day play for his country at senior level but admits seeing his name near to the likes of Aaron Ramsey and Gareth Bale takes some getting used to.

“To be on standby is a real feather in my cap,” he said. “I know they have a few players back in, Ramsey is back now and there are some other big names to come back. It’s quite surreal to look at that list of players and see your name on the same page.

“I just can’t wait until I’m picked in the main squad and make my full debut.”

Bradshaw’s recognition is testament to the excellent start he has enjoyed to life with the Saddlers since his summer switch from Shrewsbury.

In 13 appearances he has netted seven goals.

## Semi-final heartbreak for Walsall

**Walsall 12 Stoke 22**

WALSALL played their Staffordshire Senior Cup semi-final under lights because of the weekend internationals but it was a familiar story as they went down 22-12 to Stoke.

The Delves Road side lost despite being 12-5 ahead with four minutes left.

Roger Weston had kicked four penalties for the hosts and Stoke’s Paul Green crossed after a kick ahead.

But with a place in the county final beckoning, Stoke broke through for a crucial score after a miss-hit kick ricocheted to Charlie Maskrey on the wing and Green squeezed over wide out, Maskrey converting to level.

Then a poorly placed kick was collected and Maskrey scored a try which he converted. The winger then kicked a penalty after Walsall transgressed.

Director of rugby Arnie Evans said: “We keep losing concentration.”

## Anichebe in fitness vow

VICTOR ANICHEBE has set his sights on a boot camp regime as he pledged to be fitter than ever when Albion play again.

Anichebe started in Sunday’s 2-0 defeat to Newcastle but didn’t impress and the former Everton striker admits he’s still struggling with his fitness.

“I have been in and out through injury for a little bit so it was good to play. For me, over the international break, I need to go away, come back and be as fit as possible.

“I don’t feel as sharp and fit as I was at the start of the season but that will come,” he said.

# Villa take comfort in not losing game

**West Ham 0 Villa 0**

VILLA ended their Premier League losing streak after battling to a goalless draw at West Ham.

Paul Lambert’s side suffered six straight defeats since winning at Liverpool in mid-September to plummet down the table.

However, Villa produced a determined, defensive display at the Boleyn Ground.

Brad Guzan denied Andy Carroll – back from an ankle injury - with a brilliant save in stoppage time to frustrate the Hammers, who had been looking to move back up into the top four following their impressive run of form.

Irons manager Sam Allardyce, who had called for patience in the build-up, saw his side make a positive start, with Mark Noble heading a deep cross from the right over and a free-kick from Enner Valencia

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deflected behind.

Villa had set themselves up to be hard to break down, while also offering a forward threat through Andreas Weimann and Charles N’Zogbia. They were supported by Gabriel Agbonlahor, who came in for Christian Benteke – the Belgian starting a three-match ban after his red card against Spurs.

The former England man darted into the West Ham box past James Collins, but then lifted his shot over the crossbar.

At the other end, the Irons defender then sent a powerful header goalwards from a corner, which was straight at a grateful Guzan. West Ham maintained the pressure as the quarter-hour mark approached, but then almost hit the self-destruct button on

18 minutes as Winston Reid overhit a back-pass, which goalkeeper Adrian mis-controlled and the ball almost rolled inside the far post.

It was then the turn of Guzan to enjoy a slice of fortune as he came out to punch a high ball into the box from Aaron Cresswell, but clattered into Aly Cissokho as he challenged with Diafra Sakho, the ball dropping wide.

The American, though, showed good hands moments later as he beat away a fierce, angled drive from Stewart Downing, the one-time Villa midfielder.

Villa remained dangerous on the break and went close on 38 minutes. N’Zogbia ghosted into the left side of the West Ham penalty area and rolled the ball back to Andreas Weimann, who moved inside before drilling a 15-yard strike straight at Adrian.

Weimann threatened for Villa just after the restart, lifting a rising shot over following more positive approach play from Agbonlahor.

Temper were rising, with Villa midfielder Tom Cleverley booked for clattering into Sakho, fit again following a shoulder injury, before Weimann was shown a yellow card for dissent. Adrian was then alert to kick the ball away after substitute Kevin Nolan’s clearance ricocheted back into the six-yard box.

West Ham broke away down the right on 78 minutes through another substitute Carlton Cole.

He chipped the ball across to Sakho waiting on the penalty spot, but the usually clinical Senegal forward dropped a header wide.

Villa defender Nathan Baker was replaced by Philippe Senderos.

# Demolition Derby as Wolves are rammed

**Derby 5 Wolves 0**

**KENNY Jackett said before this game Derby are a model for them. If that’s the case, Wolves fans have plenty to look forward to.**

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Surely, over the coming months, they will achieve their long-held objective after falling at the last hurdle in the play-off final in May.

If Derby are a model for Wolves, recent history suggests patience is going to be needed if Jackett is to achieve his aim of promotion to the Premier League by emulating the Derby way.

It was their heaviest defeat in the league overall since losing by the same margin at home to Manchester United in the Premier League on March 18, 2012.

If it’s any consolation to Wolves – and they could need some picking up after this – other deposed leaders of the Championship this season Norwich and Nottingham Forest are below them.

Wolves were without Dave Edwards and Nouha Dicko, not to mention Scott Golbourne, but it’s too simplistic – not to mention disrespectful – to their vastly superior opponents to say they lost because they were without their most effective central forward pairing this season.

While Derby are the best team they have faced so far this term, Wolves were second to the ball from the first whistle.

So yes, they were as bad as the scoreline suggests.

### Misery for Blues as goal chance goes Wes



**Blues Demarai Gray is fouled by Matthew Connolly during the goalless game against Cardiff**

**Blues 0 Cardiff 0**

GARY Rowett lamented a miserable afternoon for striker Wes Thomas after a goalless draw against Cardiff saw him denied a second win in three unbeaten games.

Substitute Thomas had a close-range goal disallowed for offside before compounding his own misery with a silly 90th-minute red card for raising his hand to defender Sean Morrison.

The visitors, without a Sky Bet Championship away win all season, edged the first half but were pegged back in the second as Birmingham tried unsuccessfully to follow Tuesday’s win over Watford with another home victory.

Rowett, who recently replaced Lee Clark, said: “I’m disappointed with the sending off. I haven’t seen the incident again so I’ll have to watch it before I make any judgement.

“Wes’ reaction suggested he was a bit disappointed to have let one or two people down with what happened.”

Rowett was much more frustrated with the earlier disallowed goal.

“I’m not disappointed with the performance,” he said. “It’s a point and a step in the right direction as we look to build on the games we’ve had so far.

“I think for our goal, Wes was level. He was not offside at all. It was a very easy one to give, at the back post. It should have been a goal and then the game would have been different.

“They got it wrong.”

# Wood take advantage of nine-man squad

**Causeway United 1 Walsall Wood 4**

AN off the ball incident with the score at 1-1 saw Causeway go down to 10 men, but it was Wood who struggled to exploit the extra man, but they went ahead on 80 minutes for the first time.

When the home side lost a second player with five minutes to go Wood capitalised big time and scored two goals.

After three minutes James Quarry wide right cut inside into the box but was stopped by a great saving tackle from Wood left back Steven Hayles. A clever move into the left of the box ended with Danny Priest scoring across the keeper to put the hosts ahead.

Joey Butlin hit a 60-yard cross field ball to find Corey Currithers get clear wide left, his low cross found Evans in the centre of the box but it was Jack Pearlman to the res-

cue with a superbly timed tackle.

On 31 minutes Currithers cleverly switched play to Craig Deakin wide right, his ball inside was hit first time by Max Black but was charged down by a defender, the ball flew out to Harris 25 yards out, his powerful volley flying into the roof of the net.

That was a stupid retaliation to an incident which resulted in a red card and Ryan Wollacott went for an early bath.

With the home side regrouping Wood almost capitalised two minutes later, Butlin laying the ball back to Black 35 yards out, his first time drive deflected inches wide with Turner scurrying across his goal line.

The first few minutes of the second half were a non event as United sat back and frustrated all Wood’s efforts to get into the

box, in fact the home side actually threatened first with Josh March cutting inside from wide left before being fouled just on the edge of the box, Quarry’s free kick easily cleared.

A minute later Currithers raced clear on the left, his whipped low cross saw Black with a brave diving header, the ball flying inches wide of the left hand post.

Three minutes later Currithers won a left wing corner, Shawn Boothe climbing high-est to power a header just too high.

The game went back to sleep until on 80 minutes, Currithers popped up wide right going through one tackle before slipping the ball into the path of Deakin on the right of the box to run on and fire past the advancing Turner to put Wood ahead for the first time.

On 84 minutes Pearlman intercepted a ball on halfway and raced clear wide on the right, his low cross put behind by Harris racing back to defend.

Then more controversy as March collected a second yellow and left the field.

Wood moving the ball around cleverly were giving the nine men the run-around and it was no surprise when Harris and Butlin combined to release substitute Tom Evans into the centre of the box and he made no mistake tucking the ball into the right hand corner.

Four minutes into injury time Butlin’s strength won him the ball right of centre, a neat one-touch football opened up the home defence for Black to race through and hit a rising drive into the roof of the net.

Woodmoved up to 10th place.

## Anichebe calls for Baggies to fight back

STRIKER Victor Anichebe has challenged Albion to “come back fighting” against table-topping Chelsea after Sunday’s dire defeat to Newcastle.

The Baggies were beaten 2-0 and now face a two-week break before returning to action at Stamford Bridge.

And Anichebe, who was recalled to the starting line-up, has urged fans and players to keep the loss in perspective.

“Everyone is really down,” he said. “We’ve been on such a high recently and even in this game, I thought, for large parts we were really good.

“Hopefully after the international break we can come back fighting and get back to where we should be.

“We want to come back and show what we can do but during the international break we can go away and refresh and then come back fighting.

“You can’t deny we have been on a good run lately so we can’t really be too down. We just have to carry on fighting. We have to let this game go and have a good break and get some good training in.

“When we get closer to the Chelsea game we will look at it but for now we should just appreciate the good run of form we’ve had.”

## A gr-eight score for Alma FC

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## Saddlers may face Preston

WALSALL have been handed a potential FA Cup second-round tie with Preston North End.

The Saddlers, who will first have to overcome Shrewsbury in the first-round replay next Tuesday, looked on as their League One counterparts saw off Havant & Waterlooville 3-0.

Non-league team Worcester Citywill travel to Scunthorpe while AFC Telford have potentially been handed a tough test against Bristol City.



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## Magpies hand the Baggies a downer

**Albion 0 Newcastle 2**  
ALBION should have been in a mood to celebrate after a fabulous few days for the club.

Instead, Alan Irvine's men put a huge dampener on what should have been a Hawthorns party for the biggest crowd of the season so far.

Goals from Ayoze Perez and Fabricio Colocini either side of half-time condemned them to defeat as Newcastle continued their recent revival.

And Irvine and Co could have few complaints at the end of an afternoon in which they failed to fire individually and collectively.

After the success of the Tony Brown statue unveiling and the joy at Saido Berahino's England call-up, Albion's off-field staff continued their run of triumphs with a classy, moving Remembrance Sunday ceremony prior to the game.

It was just a shame that Irvine's players threw in their worst home display of his reign so far to ensure the feelgood factor that has returned to the stands in recent times was dented badly.

Their display in a disjointed, ugly first half was nothing to write home about. And a joyous week for everyone at the club had ended on a very sour note.

## Jackett looks for a Plan B

KENNY JACKETT admits Wolves must come up with a Plan B after being 'found out' by the Championship big guns.

In Saturday's 5-0 demolition at Derby, the 2-1 defeat at Ipswich last Tuesday and the 0-0 draw against Birmingham, the opposition have pressed Wolves really high up the pitch and targeted double player of the year Kevin McDonald.

And head coach Jackett believes teams have started to work his side out in recent games.

"I think that's definitely happened to us tactically, and we haven't exploited the spaces in behind anywhere near enough," said Jackett.

"Sides have got on top of us high up the pitch. Look at Will Hughes on Saturday, he didn't leave Kevin McDonald alone - he was on him all of the time."

## Pics get their first Premier win under belt

**Rushall 3 Buxton 0**

RUSHALL Olympic have won their first Evo-Stik Premier game in six attempts - beating second-placed Buxton 3-0 at Dales Lane.

The hosts dominated the match as Buxton failed to test home 'keeper Cameron Belford who came out of the game with a clean sheet.

Goals from Jack Duggan, Aaron Williams and a superb strike from Carlton McKenzie were enough to separate the sides and send the Pics home happy.

Walsall loanee Jake Heath sent in a left-

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wing corner which Duggan rose highest to head in after 19 minutes and give Rushall the lead which they never relinquished.

The visitors responded and Laurie Williams had Buxton's only shot of the game after 39 minutes - firing well wide of Belford's goal and never really troubling the goal keeper.

A minute later Rushall doubled their advantage through McKenzie. He picked the ball up on half-way before going on a mazy

run past four players and blasting in past Aaron Jameson to send The Pics in at the break 2-0 up.

The injured Josh Craddock was replaced by Carl Palmer four minutes into the second half as Buxton threw on Craig King and Mark Reed for Williams and Tom Corner five minutes later.

Rushall added a third just after the hour. Kris Taylor played in Heath who, in turn, played an even better ball through to Williams, and the striker bent the ball past the onrushing Jameson.

Aaron Brown, who had earlier had a goal

ruled out for offside, headed just wide as Rushall looked to add more goals.

3-0 was how it remained as The Pics produced a fantastic performance.

**Rushall:** Belford, Christophorou, Caines (tolley 63), Heath, Duggan, Brown, Farrell, Craddock (Palmer 49), Williams, Taylor, McKenzie. Subs not used: Anagho-Ntamark, Craner, Mugisha

**Buxton:** Jameson, Istead, Green, Wilson (Reed 54), Palmer, Young, Stevens (Williams 79), Niven, Corner (King 54), Hardey, Tuton. Subs not used: Ryan, Reay

**Att:** 221

## No need to panic, Ricketts

CAPTAIN Sam Ricketts has told Wolves not to panic in the wake of their demolition Derby.

Saturday's 5-0 humiliation by the Rams was Wolves' biggest away loss at second tier level for more than 31 years, since a five-goal defeat at Leicester in February 1983.

Defeat was the second in a week for Kenny Jackett's side after the 2-1 reverse at Ipswich and made it one point from nine.

But it was the first time in 11 months they have lost back-to-back league games.

And Ricketts, who was recalled for only his second league start of the season at the i-Pro Stadium, believes there is no need to hit the panic button.

"There's nothing to worry about long term - this was one game and three points lost," said the 33-year-old. "Derby got beaten last season by a good few goals and look at them. There's no reason why we can't learn from this and push on again."

"I remember Manchester United getting beaten 5-0 at Chelsea (1999) - these things happen."

"It's not the end of the world."

## Wembley pitch won't be perfect

WEMBLEY managing director Roger Maslin says the national stadium's pitch will "not be of the very highest standard" when England host Slovenia on Saturday.

Maslin said: "While the pitch will not be of the very highest standard we want, it will still be a good playing surface."

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# SADDLERS KNEED HERO BRADSHAW

**Walsall 2 Shrewsbury 2**

**WHETHER they go in off his boot or knee, Tom Bradshaw just can't stop scoring.**

Just as well for Walsall, who were heading for a first home defeat to Shrewsbury Town since Mr Blobby topped the charts as well out of the FA Cup, before Mr Bradshaw netted his ninth of the campaign.

Only seconds of the 90 minutes remained when Paul Downing's shot, which looked to be heading well wide, deflected off the knee of Walsall's top scorer to completely wrong foot Shrews substitute stopper Mark Halstead.

It spelled joy for Bradshaw, who could celebrate a brace against his former club, and relief for the Saddlers, whose hopes of reaching the third round for the first time in seven years remain alive. First they'll have to get past the Shrews in a replay, which will be no easy task.

### Courtesy

The visitors blundered into an early lead before the hosts had even got out of the starting blocks courtesy of Mark Ellis.

And after Bradshaw had got the hosts level, through rather more conventional means, went back ahead with what for a long time appeared the winner when James Collins deflected Andy Mangan's free-kick home. Walsall, who took some time steadying the ship after Ellis' opener, were once more guilty of failing to make the most of considerable possession.

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They were indebted to Bradshaw. The 22-year-old has contributed nine of the club's 20 goals in all competitions this season, with four in his last three games. It is now five games since another Saddlers player scored and if the Saddlers want to move forward this season, there simply has to be a greater contribution from his strike partners.

Romaine Sawyers, barring one delicious flick which set up Bradshaw's first goal, endured his quietest game for some time against the Shrews, while Anthony Forde and James Baxendale largely disappointed.

Yet any accusations Walsall are overly reliant on one man would do great disservice to goalkeeper Richard O'Donnell, who for the second game running pulled off a vital save at a crucial moment of the first half.

Collins then deflected a free-kick into the bottom corner.

The striker looked like becoming the Shrews first match-winner at Walsall since Dean Spink, but Bradshaw had other ideas.



Two-goal Tom Bradshaw tries the acrobatic against former club Shrewsbury in the FA Cup

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